



Arrowhead Forward
Summary of Discussion

Space needs plan in place to hold full-day kindergarten

Educational recommendation from administration (next 5-10 yrs) in terms of best educational aligning of grades

Finances is large part of the discussion, if we go ahead with addition/new construction, how does it fit into existing projects

Take a look at what is a 21st century school environment, technology innovation, adapting the building to fit our current model

How plausible is it to keep the “bones” of the building (citing age of building)

Buildings are just buildings, what’s happening inside is what makes it special, less is more approach may give staff more flexibility, opportunity to innovate and grow as time goes on

Flexibility of space is important, innovation surrounding energy efficiency

Improve with class sizes around 20-22, inclusion for differential learning, providing space for behavioral and mental health, include labs for lower school grades, creating gym space, improving outdoor space

Conversation about configuration of Skyview, class sizes

Concern about adding more debt to the district, do we need to take a break on moving the process forward

Conversation about Skyview/Arcola lunch, dealing with managing student behaviors, additional cars on campus

Are there other options, add enrollment to other schools, what's most cost-effective

Can this building be renovated

Understanding pros/cons of enrollment configurations, more flexibility with k-3, conversation about increasing co-teaching, expansion at other schools

Discussion about 3 schools, Worcester parking is limited, car line is out on the road, possibility to add enrollment to each building, may not be able to sustain programming

Decide whether we are k-3 or k-4, will dictate whether we'll have full day kindergarten, traffic flow needs improvement at Skyview/Arcola, not convinced we can't do full day kindergarten, what do we have to give up to get there, R.E.A.C.H. program expansion will need more space, conversation about gym space, program delivery, Arrowhead teacher feedback included wanting a rectangular classroom, discussion about having a green building, including it into STEM program, security considerations, flexibility of space

Teacher feedback, add that as another section on Arrowhead Forward website, make this information public, timeline isn't set in stone, want to make the right decision not rush, 14 classrooms needed at skyview/arcola to fit another grade, are we treating 4th grade as upper elementary, what are the impacts of this.

Look at cost-effectiveness, could make the programming work, decide what we have and where we're going

Like to hear from teachers to get their feedback about this process, challenges vs benefits, opportunities to learn what other districts are doing

Contracts with 3 major unions, they need to be partner in these changes