

# Meeting Minutes

COLO-NESCO FACILITY ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE



Project Name: Colo-NESCO Community Schools Facility Assessment  
ISG Project Number: 22362  
Location: McCallsburg, IA  
Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2019  
Time: 7-9 p.m.

## MEETING TOPICS

### General

- Superintendent Walker welcomed Task Force members.
- An enrollment handout and Meeting #2 Notes were provided.
- Mr. Walker will send out information to Task Force about summer projects and what has been done regarding replacement of doors in Zearing art room, ramp at Colo Football Field, etc.
- Community engagement ideas were discussed. The Task Force would like to plan a community engagement opportunity and had a general discussion on the topics of How, Who, and When. No decisions were finalized.

### Meeting #2 Notes

The notes from Task Force Meeting #2 were reviewed. These notes were shared with the Community via the District website at <https://www.colonesco.org/>.

### Tour: Day Care Building, McCallsburg, Iowa

The tour included areas of recent facility improvements, areas in need of improvement, and a general understanding of facility and site, and maintenance and improvement needs. Stops along the tour included but were not limited to the following:

- Gym (New Roof)
- Cafeteria
- Wellness Area
- Garage, Bus and Storage Areas
- New Addition
- Boiler Room
- 3-Story Building
- Playground

### Exercise – Strengths, Challenges, Opportunities, Questions

Following the visit, Task Force members added their thoughts to poster paper related to the tour and their impressions. If an item was repeated a check mark is indicated.

#### Strengths

- Gym ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- New south building ✓✓✓
- Wellness center ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Softball field ✓✓✓
- Community support/collaborations
- Use for daycare ✓✓✓✓
- Bus/shop area ✓✓✓
- Transportation available for students to/from school/daycare



## Challenges

- The inevitable deterioration of the old building ✓✓
- Cost to continue with site? What benefits to tax payers? (added to Questions) ✓✓✓✓✓
- A little more bus space would be helpful
- Restrooms ✓✓✓
- Sewer issues ✓✓✓
- ADA ✓✓ (to softball)
- Smells everywhere ✓
- Public needs to see what we saw
- Transportation to area if we were to use area.
- New building is small.
- Communicating to the public about the new building use. ✓

## Questions

- What are we doing with unused portion?
- Can we repurpose the 3-story building?
- Maintain current status? How long Sustainable?
- Why do our taxes pay for daycare? Sell building to church or city
- Are we still responsible for maintenance in the daycare? Water leak ceiling of 1 room
- How much \$ to pay off loan?
- Can the loan be assumed by another party?
- How do maintenance costs compare between the 3 buildings?
- Cost to continue with site? What benefits to tax payers?
- How do we heal the wounds McCallsburg feels with their school site closed?

## Opportunities

- Gym looks great! ✓
- Wellness Center for CN 18+ ✓
- Daycare ✓
- Shuttle service for children to and from daycare to Colo + Zearing



## NEXT STEPS

The Task Force will work through a consensus-based planning process that will include identifying both needs and wants for the District, financial considerations, and conclude with a recommendation to the School Board by late fall or early winter on how to move forward. Community members wishing to submit questions about the process are invited to email Superintendent Jim Walker, at [jwalker@colo-nesco.k12.ia.us](mailto:jwalker@colo-nesco.k12.ia.us).

- Meeting #4a – Colo Middle/High School, Wednesday, September 11, 7 p.m., Colo, IA
  - Topics
    - Q+A
    - Input from exercises: Questions, Opportunities, Strengths, and Challenges
    - Facility Assessment findings
    - Educational Adequacy
    - Process for formulating recommendation(s) to School Board
- Meeting #4b – If needed to complete discussion items above, Wednesday, September 18, 7 p.m., Colo, IA
- Meeting #5 – Alternatives analysis and financial considerations – Location and date TBD
- Meeting #6 – Develop a recommendation and next steps – Location and date TBD

## TASK FORCE MEMBERS

The following individuals are serving on the Task Force:

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| • Amy Lennie        | • Kathy Mens        |
| • Angela Dontje     | • Kim Heidemann     |
| • Aric Jurgensen    | • Kristine Brinkman |
| • Bill Lytle        | • Lana Voga         |
| • Brad Kohlwes      | • Levi Bappe        |
| • Brandon Kelley    | • Lisa Waddell      |
| • Brenda McGuire    | • Liz Gaunt         |
| • Brian Anderson    | • Lonny Flack       |
| • Connie Tjelmeland | • Mark Venner       |
| • Dave Skinner      | • Mary Wilkins      |
| • Hazel Purtell     | • Nathan Wilson     |
| • Jason Erickson    | • Nicole Jeffries   |
| • Jeff Brinkman     | • Pam Niemeyer      |
| • Jim Walker        | • Peggy Obrecht     |
| • Justin Walker     | • Robin Pruisner    |
| • Karen Davis       | • Ty Adams          |

# Summer Projects 2019

## COLO MS/HS

- a) South gym wall painted - new logo to be added
- b) Football Bleachers (home side) retrofitted for safety
- c) Ramp for Football Bleachers
- d) Roof replaced over Weight Room
- e) Carpet in Counselor's and Athletic Director's offices
- f) Parking Lot lines painted
- g) Water Heater Replaced
- h) Administration Office Bathroom – floor tile replaced

## Zearing Elementary

### Art Room:

- a) Heating & Cooling System is installed and cabinet build around unit
- b) Classroom lights have been replaced
- c) Exterior and Interior doors to classroom have been replaced

### Gym Lobby:

- a) Lights have been replaced in gym lobby area

### Cafeteria:

- a) Floor tile removed and concrete ground down and sealed
- b) Dishwasher replaced in kitchen

### Accessibility Items:

- a) Handicap Lift Installed in Gym Lobby to Stairwell to Cafeteria
- b) Ramp with carpet and rails installed from gym lobby to administrative office and then from administrative office to new addition
- c) Sidewalk from south parking lot replaced for easier access to cafeteria door to get elevator

### Parking Lot at Zearing

- a) Zearing (East side) dirt pile removed.