

April 2015 Board Spotlight

The most notable conversations and decisions at the April board meeting centered on the work being done through our Facility Planning and Curriculum committees.

We were pleased to hear from Mr. Koster that our current enrollment is just a few students shy of capacity, with 170 additional students on our waiting list for next school year. He and Mr. Achter have added three group tours in the months of May, June, and August to help accommodate families who continue to show interest in Beacon Academy.

The Facility Planning Committee came to the board with recommendations to select Dougherty & Company as our bonding company and RJM Construction as our construction team. The committee has done thorough research and indicated it is time to have these companies selected so we could act on new-build or renovation opportunities in the coming year without delay. The committee continues to review expansion ideas and opportunities within our defined search area.

The Curriculum Committee came with a recommendation for the purchase of some new social studies curriculum. They gathered information from all grade level teachers and did a significant amount of research. We voted to approve the committee's recommendation, which includes re-binding the 3rd-6th grade textbooks. There is not a new edition to purchase at this time and that led to the cost-saving idea of having the books rebound to prolong their use. The most significant purchase decision was for social studies textbooks for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. The *Northern Lights* (Minnesota History) and *Geography Alive* textbooks will provide excellent curriculum for our middle school students/teachers. If you would like to learn more, feel free to contact Mr. Goodman at mgoodman@beaconacademy.com.

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