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Informational Memo: Carleton Washburne Furniture

TO: School Board
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Overview & Background

As part of our Educational Facility Master Plan the core team has visited many schools over the past several months. During these visits, they have seen many items that are motivating them as they move through this process. One item that has been in focus is the ability of flexible furniture to transform the learning environment. With this in mind the Administration discussed several options with the Facilities Subcommittee at the January 22, 2018 meeting. While some of the options were cost prohibitive, the Administration recommended moving forward with the purchase of furnishings for three classrooms, and several hallway areas. Principal Kanne is working with his team and will be moving an interdisciplinary team to three classrooms on the first-floor next year.

The decision was made to move forward with the purchase of flexible furnishings for these three classrooms for next year. In addition, the PTO is looking to donate approximately $40,000 to provide some furnishings to several hallway areas to foster group collaboration in this environment. We see this collaboration currently, but it is typically done in small groups on the floor, or at a standard table. These new furnishings will make this collaboration more comfortable, and it is our hope that this will make this small group work more productive and meaningful as well.

We are currently working with a vendor on designing a layout, and will involve students and staff in the process of picking the furniture and colors for this exciting initiative. It is our hope that this will be a pilot for future furnishings as we move forward with the EMFP. The cost is estimated to be about $25,000 per classroom and about $12,000 for each set of hallway furnishings. We will look to pay for this out of savings that we are seeing in other budget lines in the current fiscal year, as well as the PTO donation.