



*A Community of Learners*

## **Informational & Action Item: Carleton Washburne Furniture**

TO: School Board  
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### **Overview & Background**

The Facilities Subcommittee met in January and supported a pilot project for furniture for three classrooms and hallway spaces at Carleton Washburne. During the month of March, Brad Rice, Maureen Etter, and Megan Hartigan from Team Discover met to brainstorm and design classrooms furnished to meet the learning needs of their students. On March 23rd, a representative from the Frank Cooney Company met with the teachers to review their preliminary plans and to suggest types of furniture that might meet their needs.

This pilot presents teachers with an opportunity to design the student learning environment to best meet student needs. Furniture will come in a variety of seating types allowing students to work as a full class, in small groups and/or individually. The selected furniture is easily mobile and can be shared among the three rooms. Instead of adapting a lesson to fit the limitations of the learning space, teachers can now adapt the learning space to best fit the design of the lesson. The learning space will not be a limitation to teacher instruction but the flexibility of design will support student learning. The pilot will examine the impact of the environment on student learning.

On Friday, April 13th, the three Team Discover teachers visited the Frank Cooney Company warehouse to see classroom furnishings, visualize how they can be arranged in a room, and determine their functionality and mobility. The teachers were joined by Dave Kanne, principal of Washburne, and Adam Rappaport, Director of Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Rappaport was present to provide insights on the durability and mobility of the furniture.

Team Discover has finalized their selection of furnishings and these will be purchased from Frank Cooney Company through a purchasing cooperative agreement through the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance utilizing 2018-2019 funds.

## **Recommendation**

Administration recommends The Board authorize Administration to purchase furnishings off of the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance purchasing agreement through Frank Cooney Company in the amount of \$67,765.50

## **Attachments**

[Classroom Configuration](#)

[Cost Information](#)