DENVER LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Outline for Tonight

- Powerpoint Regarding History, Opportunities, and Challenges
- Questions & Answers

DLS Charter

- Proud to have DPS Support
- No geographic limitations
- Vision for the school K-8 – pedagogical reasons
- Limits on capacity at Whiteman

Key Problem …

Facilities Committee

- **Initially Formed in 2012 and led by Camilla Modesitt**
- **Kenneth Ho became chair in 2013**
  - **Core group Kenneth, Irene Keeley, and Anne Davis.**

Other Members:

Brooke Spencer
Jenny Petruno
Laurie Pace
Rich Naha
Heidi McKernan
Luke Wittemeyer
Ryan Hunter
Doug Elonowitz

Other Members:

Jesse Goldman
Huiliang Liu
Susie Grant
Sara Amodio
Moose Mamet
Angie Connor
Kristy Fantz
Corelle Spettigue

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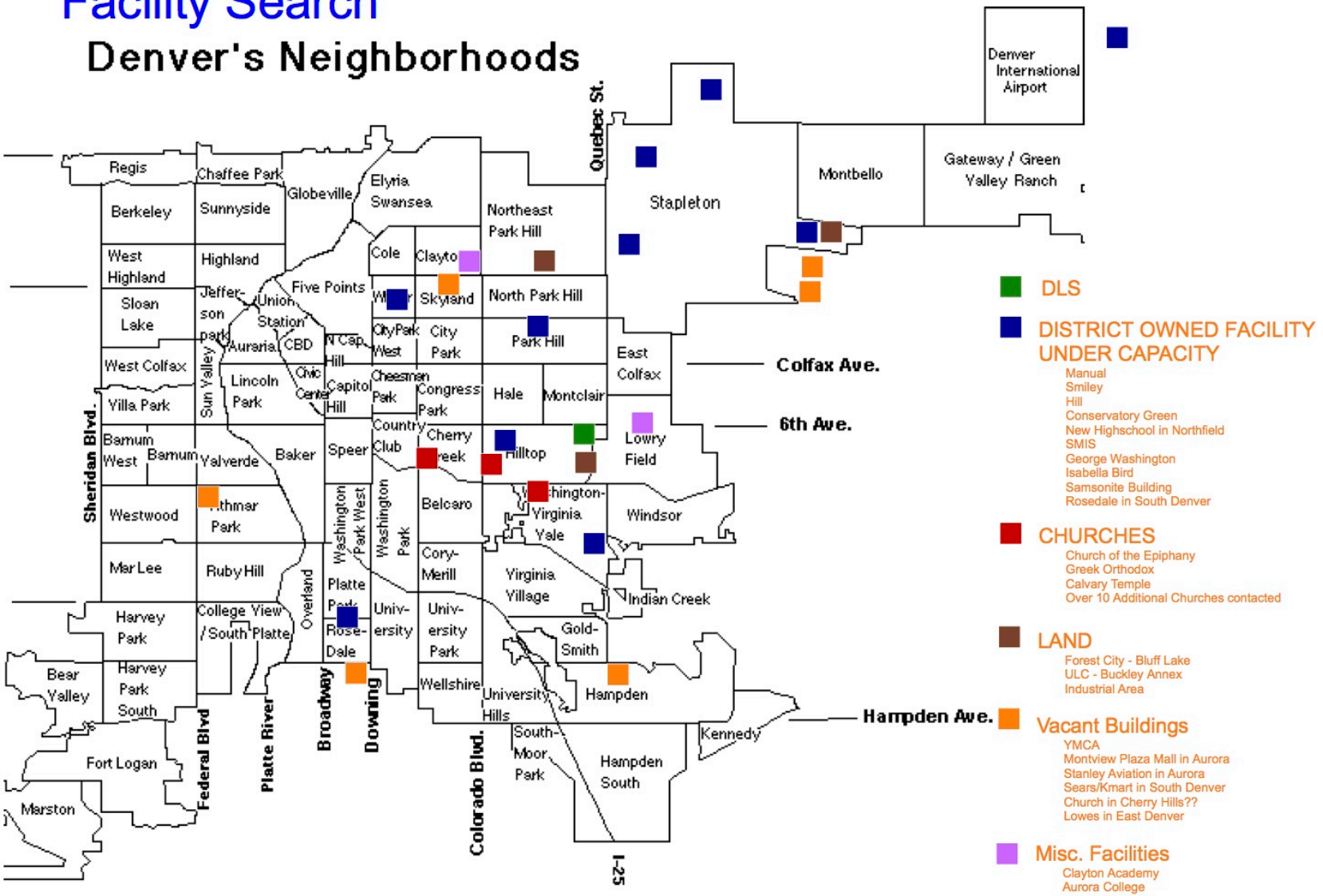
Facility Search



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Key Moments

STAPLETON™

The Denver Waldorf School

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ULC URBAN LAND CONSERVANCY

Preservation | Community Assets | Development

Board Vote Last Year

- Evaluated CT for grades 4-8, eliminate middle school or reduced down to K2.
- Various concerns around school stability how to project middle school attrition – empirical data showed significant attrition (~50%) at the middle school level.
- Chose to enroll 2K's
  - Best choice, by far, at that time
- School more stable now

Our Goals as a Board

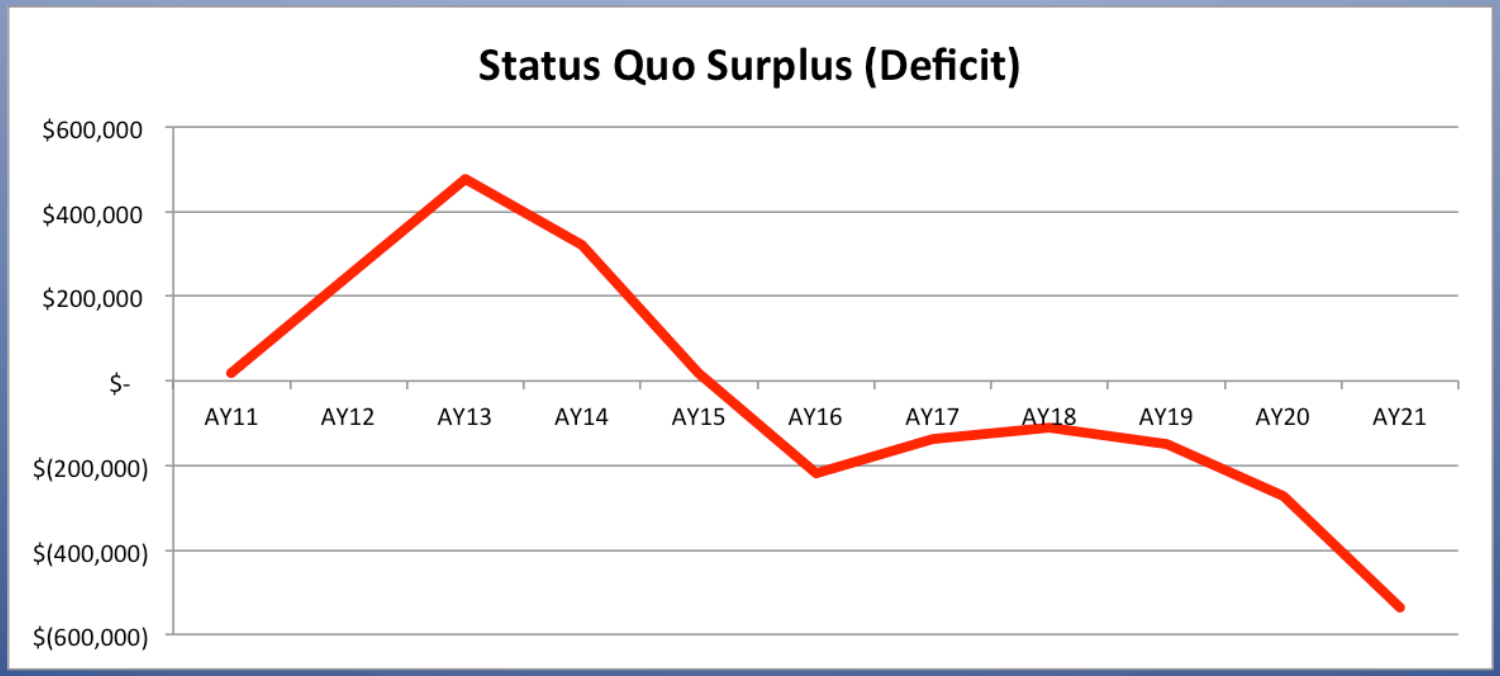
- **The best possible learning environment and outcomes for our students.**
- The best possible working environment for our faculty / staff.
- Long-term and short-term viability of our school.
  - K-8 one location as the final outcome.

Summary Facilities Process

- We have spent three years searching for a solution in the NE.
  - We are limited financially.
  - There is a lack of viable facilities.
  - Fierce competition.
  - Whiteman campus not easily expanded.

- Core issue – we either become smaller, or we find a second campus

Stay with K2 Model

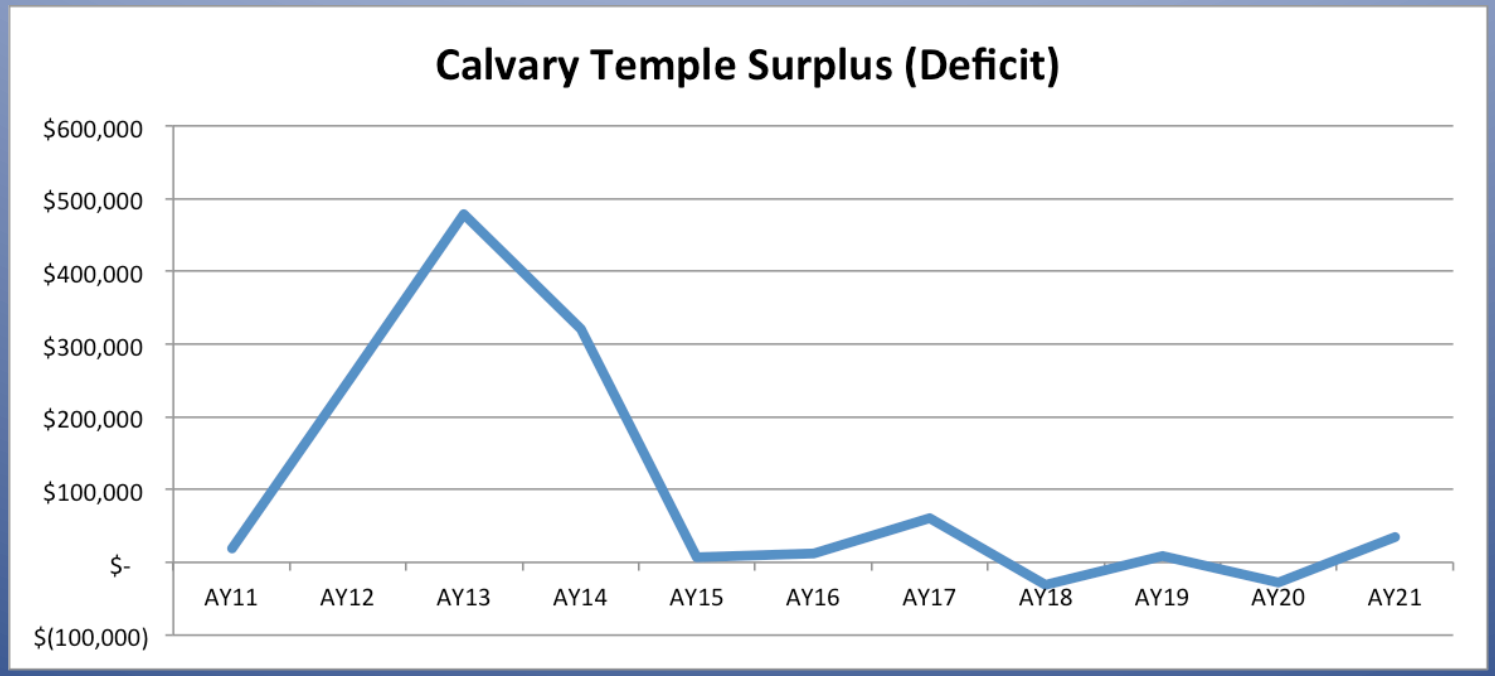


Foundation is the Key …

Enter Calvary Temple ….

- Here is why Calvary Temple is a great near-term solution for us!
  - Additional revenue.
  - Broader base to address attrition at higher grades.
  - Broader fundraising base.
  - Ability to bring in a diverse student population.
  - Avoids bubbles and bottlenecks in the future.
  - Socio emotional needs addressed

Calvary Temple



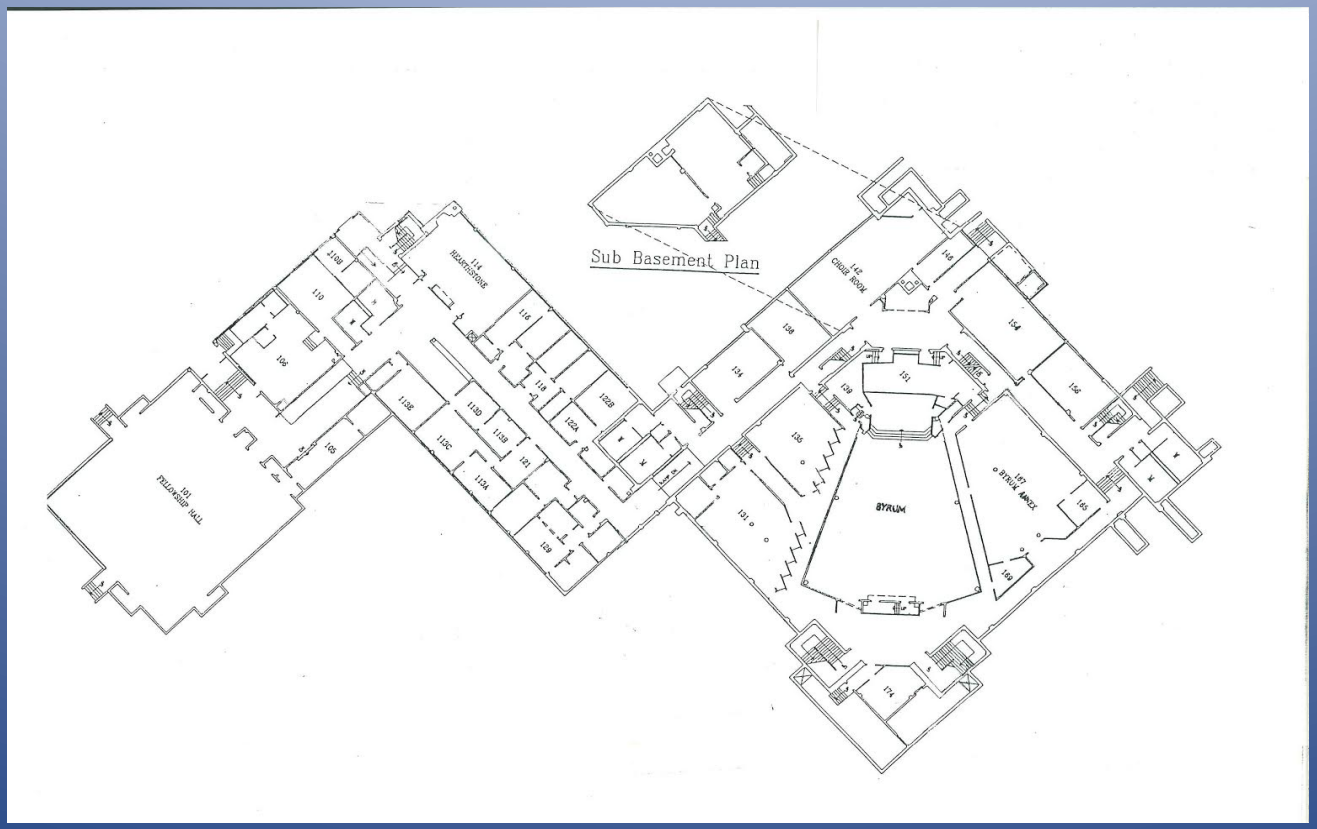
Plus ….

- Teachers like it ….
  - More collaboration
  - No moving to “carts”
  - Already feeling cramped
- We can back-fill 1st grade
- We can make Whiteman a better Middle School

Lease (Proposed) at CT

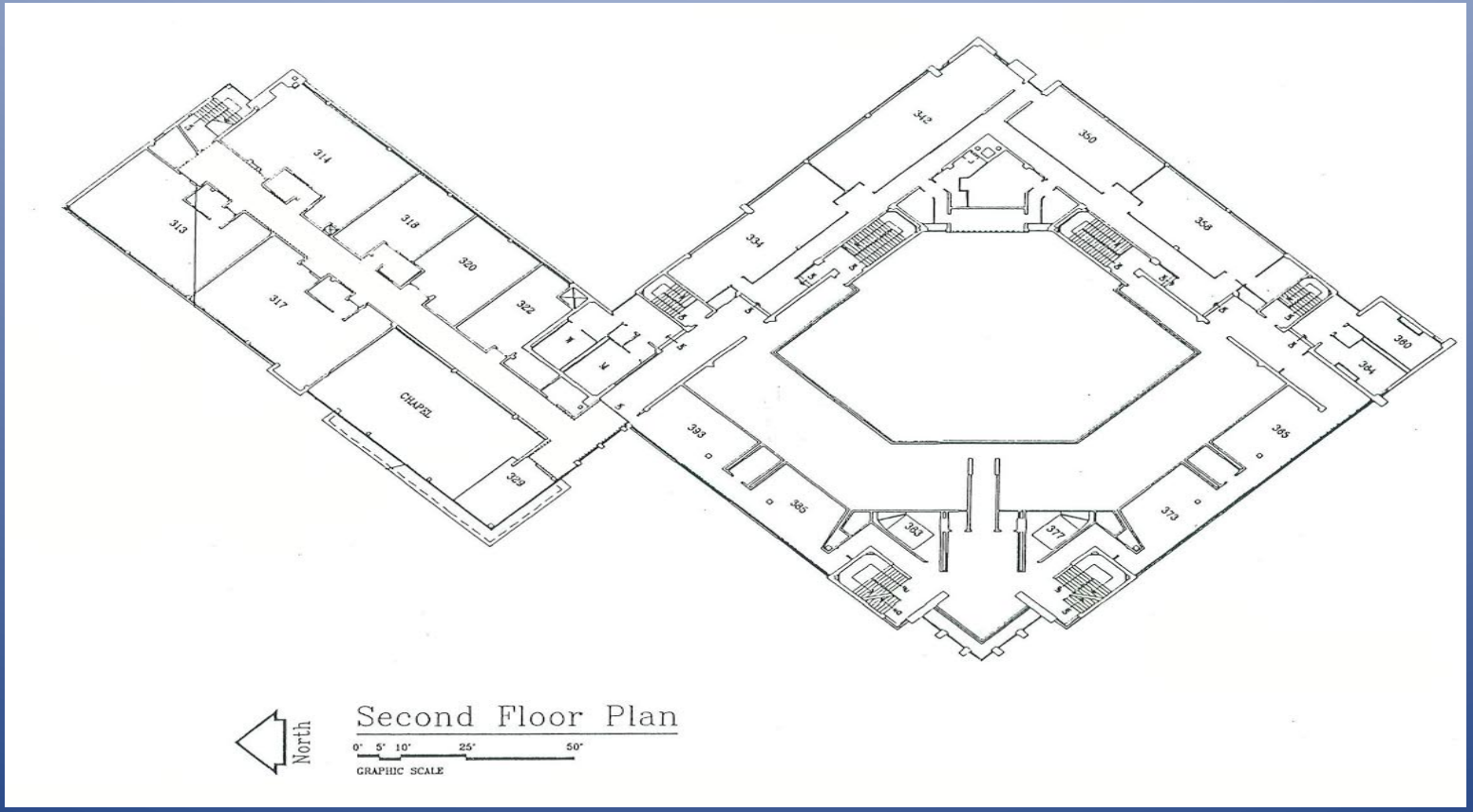
- We have structured the lease specifically to allow us options.
  - The rent is a fixed price, not variable as with DPS
  - Very favorable rates
- Includes following improvements / advantages:
  - We will have a 5 year lease with an option to extend the lease an additional 5 years beyond
  - We will have an early out option after 2 years in case it is not working

Calvary Current Plan – Lower Level



Calvary Temple Classroom Pictures

Calvary Temple – Upper Level



Flex Space

What about Whiteman?

- 4 dedicated English classrooms
- 1 for art
- 1 for technology
- 1 for science lab
- 1 for music (auditorium freed up)
- 1 for STEM or other courses
- 1 for advanced math
- 1 for pull outs

Transportation

- Largest Concern
- 25% of our campus from Stapleton
- Around $130,000 in the budget to address this concern
- Will have staggered start times. Longer day at Whiteman to increase overall instruction.
  - Need input and volunteers
  - Need volunteers to serve on committees
  - Open to all ideas
- **The Model is Worth the Drive!**

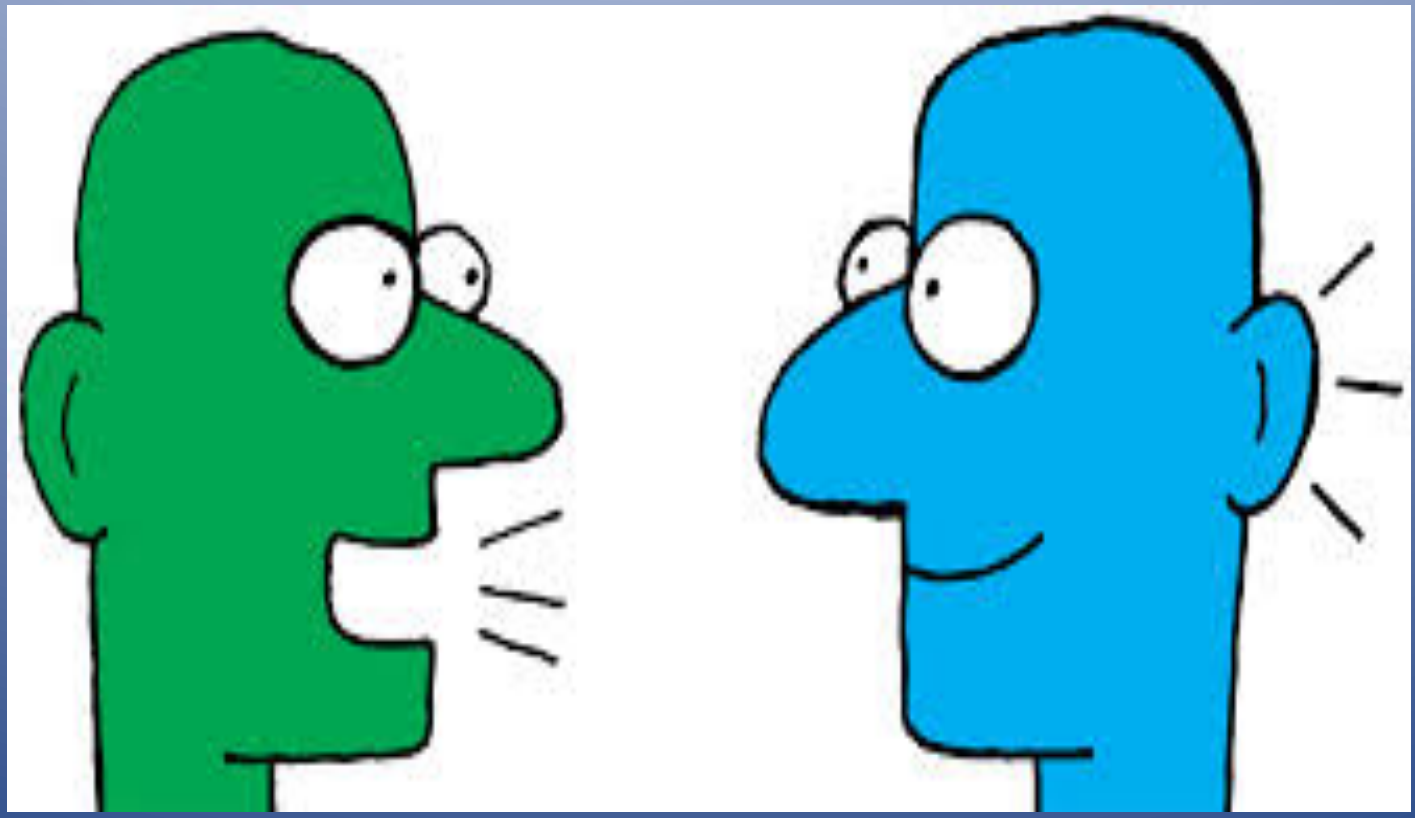
Middle School

- Key Commitment
  - Immersion Models
  - Key for fundraising
- Better Suited for Whiteman (gym, additional facilities)
- Financially a better fit

We Can Take a Deep Breath

- Gives us a change to move forward in a state of stability
- Fundraising
- Long-term solutions
- Better focus

Board Commitment



Next Steps

- Tours at Calvary Temple
- Board phone calls with concerned families
- Survey regarding move
- Committee Formation

Q&A
You have
Questions
We have
Answers