



Facilities Planning Committee Jan. 30, 2018 Meeting Summary

Call to Order

Director of Communications Perry Hibner called the 17th meeting of the Facilities Planning Committee was called to order at 6:33 p.m. He was filling in for co-chairs Luke Francois and Bob Hesselbein.

Committee members present: Heidi Casey, Farhan Khatri, Seth Johnson, Sara Ludtke, Alejandro Martinez, Dorothy Paler, Bill Vogel.

Committee members not present: Paul Braun, Luke Fuszard, Luke Francois, Mike Gall, Jack Hemb, Bob Hesselbein, Ryan Kallies, Mark Opitz, Abbie Rodriguez, Sam Wilson.

Others present: Kit Dailey from Eppstein Uhen Architects and Christin Mlsna from J.H. Findorff & Son.

Post Community Workshop Feedback

Members shared what they have heard from family, friends and neighbors about facilities planning and the options shared since the three community workshops in February.

Common themes included how to make schools even safer, cost of the proposed options, parking at Middleton High School and questions about keeping fifth-graders, even temporarily, at the new elementary school.

The recent school shooting in Florida caused some in the community to wonder if using lots of glass would be a problem or if it would have an impact on the cost.

Members were surprised that so many residents suggested trying to compete every project now rather than using a phased approach. They also said most of those conversations took place with families who have children in MCPASD schools.

There was discussion about a second high school or how many students one should hold. There were also questions if run out of capacity at MHS in 10 years or so.

One member noted they heard from a resident who complained that Kromrey was nicer than what the District said it would be and that they thought the referendum passed in 2012 was supposed to address capacity concerns for a longer period of time.

Cross Plains residents were interested in knowing if a separate gym or cafeteria will be built at Park Elementary. There are also still concerns about traffic flow in and out of Glacier Creek Middle School and fears it will only get worse if the school gets bigger.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. so that members could hear the report from Bill Foster of School Perceptions to the Board of Education.

Community Survey Feedback

Hibner called the meeting to order again at 8:40 p.m. Each member received a copy of the draft survey. Foster joined the members to review the survey, answer questions and take feedback on their thoughts.

Foster reviewed each of the eight pages on the proposed survey, along with the Board of Education's suggested edits. He then took notes on the FPC's suggestions.

Members offered multiple ideas, including adding the guiding principles, ways to improve the wording on the high school pages and noting that boundary changes will occur whether a referendum passes or fails and requesting that language be moved to the front of the survey. Members were also concerned that survey respondents not familiar with the process might assume the District wants to do all of the projects at a cost of close to \$300 million, which isn't the case, and asked that be clearer.

Members also wondered if a question should be included about a possible land purchase for future use.

Foster noted that 10 percent of survey respondents typically say not sure or undecided. He also said those people are also more likely to say undecided for all questions. He added if the number is significantly higher than that, a district has a communications issue.

Foster also noted for when asking about possible additional projects academics receive the most support, cafeterias receive less and athletics typically test the worst.

Conclusion

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.