

FACILITY PLANNING UPDATE

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January-February 2018

Facility Planning Committee (FPC) Update

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 30, the Facilities Planning Committee reviewed a draft presentation for the Community Workshops scheduled for February at Kromrey and Glacier Creek. Members made suggestions about possible content changes and also the best way to present the information to attendees. They also discussed how to collect questions and feedback.

There was lots of discussion about how to simplify the presentation. Members felt presenters only needed to talk about the high school and elementary school option once and then explain the differences for the middle school with each option. Members also felt it was important to show why they came to the current option for the high school and the same for the elementary school.

Workshops were held at Kromrey on Feb. 5, at Glacier Creek on Feb. 13 and at MHS on Feb. 20. Close to 70 area residents attended one of the three workshops. Those in attendance spent 20-25 minutes at the end of each presentation talking about the options presented at all three levels and the costs. The majority of attendees felt the community would support the right solution.

Key takeaways from the three workshops included:

- The vast majority have children in our schools.
- Supportive of a new elementary school although no consensus on the number of students it should hold.
- Questions about why not address a third middle school now or at least identify when it will be built.
- Questions about the cost of the high school portion and if it can be scaled down.
- Parking at MHS came up at all three workshops and the current plan doesn't seem acceptable.
- Concerns about keeping fifth-graders at a new elementary school even if only temporary.
- Families with children overwhelmingly supportive of \$200 million price tag but worried others may not.

Board Feedback

- FPC co-chair Luke Francois shared key takeaways from the three workshops with the Board of Education at its regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 26.
- The Board requested that the District identify potential issues community members might still have and offer answers to those questions.
- The Board learned it will see a draft of the community survey at its March 12 meeting and that School Perceptions' Bill Foster will attend and answer questions. His company is administering the survey.



Future FPC Meetings

All meetings are held
from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
at the District Services Center
unless otherwise noted.

May 9

Other Meetings

**Board of Education
Community Survey Results Presented**

May 7, 7 p.m.

District Services Center

**Board of Education
FPC Recognition**

May 14, 7 p.m.

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