

Facilities Task Force Community Meeting

10 DECEMBER 2019 / 7:00 PM / MLS GYM

Attendees

Mel Marsh, Terri Holden, TJ Turner, Mike Ruetschle, Chad Runyon, Lori Kuhn, Kat Walter, John Gudgel, Desiree Nickel, Abby Cobb, Chris Hamilton, Justin Hamilton, Ian Sherk, David Goodman, Ed Rutter, Dale Hotalig, Carmen Melano, Aida Merhemic, Mary Eby, Lusa Kreeger, Parker Buckley, Carol Young, Jack Hatert, Liz Robertson, Cindy Sieck, Naomi Bongorno, Kirk Meekin, Donna Haller, Jeremy Main, Lauren Mikesell, Celia Diamond, Steve Conn, Steve McQueen, Mathew Kirk, David Roche, David Turner, Carol Simmons, Emily Elliott, Ian Bettenhaus, Angela Brintlinger

Notes

- More specificity - Re: Maintenance costs.
- Rough value of assets? Quantify
- Funding option combo - how / when collect? (every year)
- Selling assets - could/would the community be able to comment?
- Possible that Renovation more \$ than new buildings - how deal w/waste
- What amount would be significant for P.I. Levy?
- How do student and staff feel? Most concur replacing shoebox, bathrooms, air/heat, envelope, security, electric and technology. Kitchen (lack of adequate time for lunch)
- If Task Force didn't compare to other similar districts re: build a new / renovation might this be a good idea or moving forward?
- Assessment of assets - how much/value (on the website)
- Is affordable housing the best way to draw the young student population? Consider the range w/in affordable housing. (not drawing only older people)
- Subsystem changes cost \$\$; not easy/complicated & interwoven w/ other systems
- What happens next? Evaluation process? Overarching system? (send end of the presentation)
- Re: School population/demographic information on website... Not decreasing # of school-age households, fluctuates but no trending downward. (per T.J.Turner)

- Buildings poor conditions could contribute to potential declining school-age population (Sylvia Ellison)
- Concerned about school environment; no objections to recommendations; not excited; why no fire/storm shelter a high priority? Especially in MLS, no sufficient wind shelter.
- Re: Safety concern; Re: active shooter, how much does all this cost? Re: funding, want more information & combination of all funding options.
- Glad MLS stays here: field trips in town are important, part of the community center.
- Concern Re: MMS “Shoebox” needs a lot more attention.
- Very easy to sell off assets, very difficult to get back, barely meets cost, should be last-ditch effort.
- What is the possibility for federal grant \$? Even for security?
- Are we pursuing avenues to repurpose existing space rather than plan for expanded needs based on open enrollment?
- Most important thing to do in this community : collaborate: School Board, Antioch, Village
- Tangled situation between declining birth rates, open enrollment, affordable housing, growing aging population here: want statistics.
- What is the timeline? Some items are urgent, others complex/time-consuming.
- Recent report w/district grade going down may impact enrollment (decline)