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Canfield Master Planning Session 1

January 31, 2023

On January 31st, Canfield Local Schools officially kicked off the master planning facility committee in the High School Media Center. Attended by a cross section of over 50 community members, the committee included current and past educators, business leaders, interested citizens and parents. The committee's goal is to review existing building conditions and improvement costs, evaluate site viability, educational adequacy and new construction cost models which drive the creation of district-wide master plan options. This work ultimately results in a master plan recommendation to the Canfield Board of Education.

This first session acted as an introduction to the planning process and centered on reviewing general information about the district, its facilities, an overview of the recent educational visioning session and ideas for master plan options that were developed there.

Future sessions are scheduled to run through April and the committee will be covering the following topics:

* Examine in detail additional master plan options
* Evaluate site information on district owned properties and any other potential options
* Discuss locally funded initiatives for the plan
* Review the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission funding considerations
* Review the educational opportunities between renovated and new school examples

**IMAGE GALLERY: Master Planning Session 1**

The group revisited master plan options that were discussed in the recent Educational Visioning session. While the group continues to generate questions on specifics of the plans, many were interested in further exploring the potential construction of a PreK-4 and new middle school. This is driven by the aging infrastructure in these buildings.

During a feedback activity, when asked what attendees hoped to achieve from the planning process, many of their ideas overlapped. However, two major ideas surfaced:

* A transparent planning process that could unite the community and fulfill the needs of the school district.
* A cost effective solution, that provides a healthy, safe and modern environment for future students.

Similarly, the committee indicated they were most interested in addressing the following topics:

1. Examining potential site options
2. Continuing to explore the costs between each plan, and better understand the maintenance costs associated with them
3. Exploring different building configurations and consolidation plans to better serve the district

To review an abbreviated report of the Educational Visioning findings from January 23rd, visit the link below:

**PDF LINK:**