



Little Elm ISD Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee

Meeting #4: Monday, October 25, 2021

Little Elm High School

MEETING NOTES

Welcome – Cecelia Jones

Director of Communications Cecelia Jones opened the meeting, welcomed everyone, and gave some housekeeping information before turning it over to committee chair Sarona Winfrey.

Meeting 3 Recap – Sarona Winfrey

Ms. Winfrey reviewed the following highlights from the Meeting #3 presentation and discussions:

- We have consensus on the projects to accommodate the 10-year growth projections: four new elementary schools, a new middle school and a significant addition at LEHS.
- Additional needs identified included flooring, lighting, playground equitability and buses.
- The total estimated cost for everything shown above is \$397,400,000.

Campus Tour – Committee Members

Proposed High School Renovation:

- Kitchen expansion would include expanding service area/loading dock
- Library – collaboration spaces needed and throughout building
- Classroom addition – 3 story / shell / storm shelter
 - (General classrooms)
- Connect stairs across courtyard
 - Potential uses, upgrades to courtyards
 - Review egress requirements
- Lockers – not used
- Additional gym – connection to exist hallway
- Fine arts addition – classrooms and practice spaces.
- Need more parking

Discussion and Group Work – Committee Members

1. Campus Tour Reflections
 - a. Committee members were asked to discuss at their tables:
 - What they saw on the tour

- What questions they may have about the proposed expansions and renovations
2. Additional Project Considerations Identified in Meeting #3
- After studying the information shared, the projects have been identified as:
 - A project being addressed
 - A project for potential consideration
 - Not feasible, but other possible solutions
 - Appropriate for future Long-Range Facility Planning Committee to consider
- a. A Project Being Addressed:
- Technology Infrastructure
 - Greg talked about needing to continually update equipment, cabling, etc.
 - Question on metal detectors, safety and security
 - Last bond added cameras, safety film, secure vestibules, key fobs
 - Question on promethean boards, used title 1 for those schools
 - Pre-K Center
 - Zellars is happening now, will be renamed
- b. A Project for Potential Consideration
- Tennis storage (could be funded out of M&O or bond savings)
 - Playground fencing (could be incorporated into playground equitability projects)
 - Would be covered for shade
 - Counseling center (could look for existing space)
 - Orchestra (could be part of high school expansion, if District/Board approved adding the program)
 - Dr. Mika
 - Add in 6th grade first, in 4th year would be added at HS
 - District is studying, thinks we can add program as part of this bond
 - Funding is available as part of this bond
- c. Not feasible, but other possible considerations:
- Pedestrian Bridge
 - (Other safety solutions? Work with Town of Little Elm, etc.)
 - Parking garage
- d. Appropriate for future Long-Range Facility Planning Committee to consider:
- Performing Arts Center – partnership with an entity
 - Stadium expansion
 - Natatorium – partnership with an entity

Mr. Gallagher made the point that selling bonds up front will earn interest to help afford additional items (e.g. Orchestra)

- Needs vs wants

Looking Ahead -

ESTIMATED BOND PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT	ESTIMATED COMPLETION	TOTAL PROJECT COST (Escalated)
High School Additions & Renovations	August 2024	\$117,700,000
Elementary #7	August 2024	\$35,500,000
Elementary #8	August 2026	\$39,100,000
Elementary #9	August 2029	\$44,000,000
Middle School #3	August 2029	\$98,400,000
Elementary #10	August 2032	\$49,700,000
Interior/Exterior Updates	as needed	\$10,500,000
Playground Equitability	as needed	\$1,500,000
Buses	as needed	\$1,000,000
TOTAL		\$397,400,000

Recommendation:

- A bond proposal to focus on growth-related needs and equitability for the next 10 years.
- Total for all proposed projects: \$397,400,000
- This can be achieved with no increase to the LEISD tax rate.

Additional questions included:

- If we don't need ES10 can we use that money for something else?
 - May need to reconvene committee to do that
- Where would the elementary schools be built? We have or have secured land in Oak Point, Valencia, Lobo Lane, and Lakewood Village
- Rezoning committees would be required when new schools are opened
- Where would middle school #3 be? Not determined, but have secured land large enough to build one.
- Additions:
 - Technology
 - Orchestra
 - (Keep under \$400m)

Additional Group Work - Committee Members

Committee members were asked to work together to identify key messages that they would like included in the LRFPC's recommendation to the Board of Trustees;

1. 10 YEARS
2. Growth

3. Equitable to other 6A
4. Destination District
5. No tax increase
6. District Mission to Engage, Equip, Empower
7. Keep Student teacher ratio through providing adequate space
8. Emphasize technology is "infrastructure" not devices