



FUTURE FORWARD COMMITTEE

Tarkington Independent School District Future Forward Committee Meeting September 21, 2023 5:00 PM – 8:45 PM

1. Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Davis welcomed attendees and said a prayer before the meal. She introduced TISD leaders and staff who shared things they are proud of in their respective departments/campuses. Dr. Davis shared results of the survey question that was included in the Future Forward Sign-Up form: What is your greatest concern as we plan for the future?

Future Forward Survey Results

What is your greatest concern as we plan for the future?



**89
Survey
Responses**

2. Dinner

3. Committee Orientation

a. Review TISD Mission, Core Values, and Priority Guiding Statements

From the presentation:



Mission

Tarkington ISD's mission is to empower, support, and inspire our students to achieve academic success and to pursue excellence in all aspects of learning so they may live purposeful and productive lives.

Core Values

1. **Integrity:** The quality of being honest, respectful and having strong moral principles.
2. **Accountability:** Accept responsibility for your own actions.
3. **Pursuit of Excellence:** To give your best effort at all times.
4. **Courage:** Having the strength to do the right thing.

Priority Guiding Statements

1. Tarkington ISD will recruit, support, and retain high quality teachers and staff.
2. Our students will read on grade level or higher by the beginning of 3rd grade and will remain on grade level or higher until graduation.
3. Tarkington ISD will provide career exploration opportunities for students so they have a better idea of opportunities after graduation.
4. Our students will graduate college and/or career, and life ready.

Adopted June 12, 2023

b. Purpose of the Committee

From the presentation:

Purpose and Charge



- The committee will serve in an advisory role to assist the district staff and Board of Trustees to assess and prioritize district needs.
- Consider the educational needs of all students and align with the district's mission, vision and goals.
- Represent the entire community, its values and perceptions in the facility planning process.
- Assess and prioritize the district's current and long-term facility needs, including, but not limited to:
 - Building age, safety and condition
 - District growth and capacity
 - Evolving educational delivery and programs
- Bring forward **recommendations** to the Board of Trustees as to how to proceed with a long-range plan.

c. Meeting Norms

From the presentation:

Committee Process



- In the upcoming meetings, the committee will discuss the following topics:
 - Existing Facility Conditions
 - Facility Needs
 - School Finance
 - Potential Solutions & Cost Analysis
- District staff members and district consultants will aid the committee and serve as information providers.

4. Get to Know You Activity

Individuals introduced themselves to their tablemates, wrote down their hopes for the district, shared with their tablemates, and then shared out as a table group their big ideas.

5. Facility Assessment Review

Mr. Sidebottom reviewed the facility study showcasing the needs of each building in TISD, including the building's age, current state and accessibility/compliance status.

a. Table Talk/Share Out

After each section, there was an opportunity for tables to discuss what they had seen.

b. Takeaways & Questions

Based on the discussion, a representative from each table recorded questions and/or comments from their tablemates that highlight concerns/takeaways and placed the post-it notes on chart paper with specific headings based on the individual campus presentation. (See Future Forward Committee Takeaways below.)

6. Next Steps

a. Next Meeting Oct. 10 @ 5:30 p.m.

b. Schedule for Future meetings

7. Homework and Dismissal

Due to the length of the facilities study and group discussions, this meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The other meetings will not take as long.