



## **Questions from May 22, 2019 Public Meeting**

Two question-and-answer periods were provided, during which questions could be sent to the presentation and responded to. The questions that were discussed live (**copied directly from the presentation and not edited or modified**) are as follows:

### **Will you keep the trees?**

A – The trees will be reviewed as part of the facility evaluation that is occurring for the existing school and site conditions. Any trees that are suitable to the final design will be maintained.

### **Will any of the campus be minimized/sold off?**

A – No.

### **Can you do renovations without cutting down all of the big beautiful trees?**

A – We will try to keep trees where possible.

### **Are you considering adding a gymnasium for indoor PE and activities?**

A – The most appropriate indoor PE space will be determined during the design/programming process.

### **If renovations are decided on, what is your plan for the trees?**

A – See above.

### **Is school going to be on the same area on campus as it is now?**

A – It is likely; however, we have not started the design or completed the facility evaluation, both of which will impact the outcome.

### **Will you expand the parking lot?**

A – The parking and drop-off areas will be reviewed during design and expanded or added to, as needed. Not certain at this time.

### **Who will make the final decision as to whether we renovate or rebuild?**

A – A decision on whether to renovate or rebuild, or some combination of the two, will be made by the SUSD Governing Board. The Board will have a recommendation from us on how we suggest it proceed, based on costs and opportunities, but the final decision is up to the Board.

### **What is the district's commitment to honoring and protecting this charming mid-century modern campus design?**

A – We are committed to evaluating the facility and the costs/opportunities of maintaining the design.



**What's the time line for the project?**

A – Phase 1 - the evaluation and programming - should be complete by September 2019. Design, documents and construction could take until May 2021.

**What is your level of experience renovating vs. build from scratch?**

A – The SUSD team and the architectural team have both worked on numerous new and renovated schools. Our experience is diverse.

**How long will the design for the school take once the community meetings are complete?**

A – See above response.

**Who determined that there is not enough merit for a historic designation? Ralph Haver's Town & Country Scottsdale is designated historic in the city of Scottsdale.**

A – No one has made that determination.

**Can we have covered parking?**

A – Covered parking can be very expensive. Every dollar spent outside of the classroom must be very carefully considered.

**What is a viable time line for renovations and adding some new? Without students here, will it really take 2 years?**

A – Approximately. We will work with the successful contractor and architect to determine the best time line for the final design.

**Will large windows and natural light be a focus of the construction?**

A – Studies conducted by educational experts have indicated that natural light and views increase overall test scores and retention of learning. This will guide the design.

**Didn't Ralph Haver design for longevity?**

A – Yes! These buildings have lasted since 1960, over 58 years so far!

**Why not keep his vision and focus on energy-efficient updates?**

A – This will be considered and reviewed.

**Some of the district want to level the school, regardless of what the community wants. If that happens, can you build a new school in the Haver style and not like a box store?**

A – The district has not indicated that it has a preference – rebuild or renovate. The Governing Board wants to do what is best for students and the Hohokam community with the bond money that is



available for this project. The architectural style will be considered as the design moves forward with the visioning and design teams.

**Will the baseball fields to the east be left alone or will the land be used to build/design?**

A – The fields will likely be left in place.

**Will you be adding a track?**

A – No. This is not part of typical elementary school design.

**Will you keep the cafeteria?**

A – The facility evaluation and design committee will review its feasibility.

**Are they committed to K-5?**

A – Yes.

**Will the time frame of two years change, providing some of the buildings will be renovated instead of a full rebuild?**

A – This timeline will be determined based on the best construction means and methods for the design solution. With an empty school, renovation or new construction will be more time-efficient.

**Is updating the play areas in the plan?**

A – Play areas will be reviewed for safety requirements and new equipment considered, based on funds available and opportunity.

**Who determines the traffic flow, and how can we make the dismissal safer for kids walking?**

A – SUSD and the design team will review site-safety best practices as part of the final design.

**If we keep the roof design, can we put solar panels on top? It should more than cover the energy costs.**

A – Solar panels are not preferred on the roof. These have proven to have a negative impact on the longevity of the roof membrane and require significant maintenance that far outweighs the benefit.

**Cafeteria is has been used after hours by City and other groups. Will there still be a facility with ample parking close to continue use as a gathering place for the community?**

A – Yes.

**Is solar an option for covered parking like the schools in the north?**

A – We will not be providing covered parking. Please see the response two questions back.



**Can you rebuild the school just like it is, but with the office in front and the cafeteria in the center?**

A – This can be considered.

**If the buildings are demolished, can we reuse the brick in the new buildings?**

A – Brick can be salvaged and reused in a variety of ways, yes. We can consider this option.

**How do community members get updates on rebuild/renovation if they don't have a student at Hohokam?**

A – The Hohokam project page on the SUSD website (<https://www.susd.org/index.php/about/susd-bond-override-info/hohokam-bond-project>) will have updates and information posted to keep the community updated.

**Is the intent to make one big building like Pima and Hopi, or will a new build incorporate many buildings with courtyards?**

A – This has not yet been determined.

**What is the size capacity you would build the school to?**

A – SUSD will consider right sizing the Hohokam campus. School capacity will not exceed 800 students.

**Where will HES students attend MS/HS?**

A – Hohokam ES is part the Coronado Learning Community: Tonalea is its middle school; Coronado is its high school. This is not changing.

**Yavapai was refurbished a few years ago for about a million dollars less than a full rebuild. What is the cost difference between refurbish and rebuild?**

A – This information is not known at this time. The facility evaluation will help to determine the cost of both.

**Can you revisit going for historic status and identify more specifically what the challenges might be?**

A – SUSD and the design team will have to explore this option further.

**Can the school apply for grant monies in regards to obtaining historic status?**

A – While we are not aware of grants for this purpose, we can look into this.

**Do you do the landscape design or do you work with another firm?**

A – We will hire a landscape consultant.

**Extending parking lot?**

A – If required, yes.



**Can we get some shade at the crosswalks?**

A – This can be reviewed.

**How long will the design take?**

A – Please see previous responses.