

Facility Planning Task Force

Meeting 4 Summary

On Wednesday, May 10, 2023, the Facility Planning Task Force met at Bell Manor Elementary and heard brief presentations on the remaining items the District would like to propose for an upcoming bond package. This included a presentation by the district's Technology Department regarding the district's technology infrastructure as well as replacement cycles for technology devices for students and teachers.

An overview was also given of the replacement campus for Bell Manor Elementary on the FEW site, the conversion of Bell Manor Elementary to be the home for KEYS High School, DAEP, and other district programs currently located at FEW, and an administration addition at Hurst Junior High to create a secure vestibule. These items along with the replacement of both high schools are estimated to cost \$819,800,000, which is approximately a \$0.10 impact to tax payers.

The remainder of the meeting was focused on the survey responses received by task force members between meetings 3 and 4. Overall, based on the survey, the task force showed strong support for the proposed plan, but Dr. Harrington, Mike Harris, Randy Belcher, and Josh Minor aimed to bring clarity to some questions asked about the high school designs and other bond related questions.

The evening ended with a tour of Bell Manor Elementary, where the task force was able to see cramped triangular classrooms, a common space where multiple staff and students overlap for different interventions due to lack of individual spaces for these focus areas, and SPED classrooms that are too small for the most medically fragile students in the district. They traveled around the exterior of the building to art and the gym to experience a day in the life of the students, who take these routes because corridors are too tight for entire grade levels to move at the same time.



Meeting 5

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 @ Oakwood Terrace Elementary

The task force will spend most of the meeting in discussion over which projects to include in the recommendation to the school board. A vote for consensus of the recommendation will occur at the end of the evening.

Q&A Summary:

Q: Classroom design

A: Every full-time teacher will have a classroom. There is room for growth at each campus and at the Buinger and through opportunities with TCC. Classrooms will be larger to accommodate current class sizes.

Q: Staff input

A: Teachers have had and will have opportunities to provide input in the design of the high schools. In addition to formal meetings, both principals have invited all staff to visit their offices, view drawings, and contribute to the conversation.

Q: Collaboration space

A: Collaboration and specialty spaces are limited. Generally, they are widened areas in the corridors with direct supervision from adjacent classrooms for students to work on projects.

Q: Student union

A: The student union is the cafeteria designed with additional flexibility to be used throughout the day for multiple purposes.

Q: Safety & Security

A: Windows and open courtyards are provided for the well-being of staff and students. Safety measures will occur in these areas and throughout the campuses.

Q: Renovate vs replace

A: Due to the structural nature of the current buildings (i.e. load-bearing walls), it would be more challenging and disruptive to students to renovate, nearly as costly, and not provide the same level of flexibility needed for the future.

Q: KEYS/DAEP

A: These programs as well as all others served at FEW will have a home throughout construction. The District is looking at options now.