

North Kitsap School District #400

Facilities Advisory Committee Meeting

5.15.24

Hilder Pearson Elementary School

15650 Central Valley Road

Poulsbo, WA 98370

**Meeting start:** 6:00 pm

**Meeting Facilitators:**

- Michael Davis, Principal Bassetti Architects
- Jordan Kiel, Principal Bassetti Architects
- Dena Eaton-Colles, Planner/Programmer Bassetti Architects

**Campus Tour:**

Campus tour lead by Principal Craig Frick

- No break-out spaces adjacent to classrooms for students to get extra help. Hallways are not available.
- Hallways are too narrow.
- Lunch/gym combo creates major challenges, often cutting into kids' time in PE.
- Gym does not have enough storage or an office space.
- Office is not positioned to be able to supervise the site.
- There is no clear sense of entry and many doors making it a hard campus to secure.
- ADA access between buildings is a challenge.

**Updates from FAC#1**

- The capital projects website is currently being revised at the suggestion of the Committee to make the information more easily accessed and understood.
- A communications plan is in the works. The district has hired ESD 112 to help with communicating the unfolding process with the Committee out to the broader community.

**Financial Overview – Levy vs Bond**

Mike Merlino gave an overview of the differences between bonds and levies.

- Capital levies work for smaller projects but don't make sense for large projects because of construction cost escalation.
- Bonds should be thought about in a similar way as a mortgage – it doesn't make sense to wait to save up to pay cash for a house because the cost to buy a house keeps increasing.
- District has a separate EP&O levy through 2026.
- The last capital projects levy steps down collections in 2025 making available to opportunity to pass a levy in 2024 without raising taxes.

- Levy collections start at the beginning of the next calendar year after the ballot measure passes. November 2024 is the last chance to pass a levy that would collect funds in 2025.
- Key deadlines:
  - August 6 deadline for board to pass resolution to run a levy.
  - July 25 deadline for board meeting agenda

SCAP funding was also discussed. More information will be provided regarding the scope of possible SCAP funding.

The Committee concluded that it makes sense to recommend a capital projects levy for the November 2024 ballot. The committee plans to make their recommendation regarding the scopes of work to include in the levy within the larger context of future planned capital projects.

### **Communications**

The Committee made the following recommendations regarding communications:

- Be specific and detailed in communications regarding what's on a levy. Just talking about large abstract categories of improvements makes it hard for people to imagine what it means for their school.
- Help connect the dots regarding the implications of not passing a bond or levy. What might get cut if general funds need to be tapped for emergency repairs to systems that would have been replaced under a levy?
- Share the larger plan with the community as soon as possible. A levy in 2024 followed by a bond (year TBD).
- The 2018 levy which identified priority tiers for the projects was effective in communicating priorities. FC would like to take a similar approach.

Next meeting 5/29 location: TBD Suquamish Elementary School OR Wolfle Elementary School

### **ATTENDANCE:**

- Dennis Peters
- Gary Nystul
- Anna Cuprill Comas
- Jim Luebeck
- Laura Douglas
- Craig Barry
- Bob Marshall
- Matt Stanford
- Adam Bishop
- Heather Zaiss
- Jodan Kiel
- Dena Eaton-Colles
- Jim Schlachter
- Reed Gillig
- Craig Frick

- Siri Reinbold
- Eric Quitslund
- Adam Toler
- Michael Davis
- Craig Smith
- Wendy Cory