

North Kitsap School District #400

Community Meetings
6.17.2024
North Kitsap High School
1780 NE Hostmark St.
Poulsbo, WA 98370
&
6.25.2024
26201 Siyaya Ave. NE
Kingston, WA 98346

Meeting start: 6:00 pm

Meeting Facilitator:

- Jordan Kiel, Principal Bassetti Architects

Jordan began the meeting by sharing the process the Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) has been going through. Bassetti Architects has been working a team of consultants including structural engineers, mechanical engineers, electrical engineers, and civil engineers to review every facility the district owns and make recommendations regarding various scopes of work the FAC may want to recommend including in capital levy or bond. Bassetti Architects has also met with Teaching and Learning, Maintenance and Operations, as well as making themselves available to teachers, administrators, and parents at each site. Surveys have also been distributed by the principals of each school to all staff. The goal is to have a comprehensive list of options the FAC may select from when making their recommendation for what to include in a capital levy or bond.

Jordan explained that these community meetings are an opportunity for the FAC to hear directly from all in attendance what they should be prioritizing in their recommendation. Many FAC members attended each meeting and heard the feedback firsthand.

The first meeting broke into small groups where FAC members engaged in conversations with community members about their priorities. The second meeting was a large group discussion with all who attended.

Community feedback collected by FAC members:

Communications:

- Facebook page for FAC
- Do better job advertising meetings
- More peach jar
- Less peach jar
- Survey was too long
- Create public comment box
- We should do more public surveys
- FAC Meetings are not open to public drop-in/participation – some members of the community are unhappy with this arrangement
- When trust has been broken, it takes a lot to build that back.
- Reach out the tribes for input

General Comments:

- Focus on longevity of materials – for example metal roofs
- Create opportunities at KHS that will retain students from going to NKHS
- Electives at campuses should be equitable. Poulsbo has stuff that Kingston doesn't have.
- KHS art rooms are great, just need to move regular classes out of them so they can be used for art
- Clallum and Suquamish tribes may be working on building a tribal high school which could impact long term demographics
- Demographic report for the last bond is missing information about growth in unincorporated Kitsap County.
- Gas at KMS science – science teacher would like it turned back on
- Ok with bond – want district to spend more
- Plan for growth
- Consider sustainability when building
- District will need to explain why the message is changed from Bond which claimed Pearson needed to be moved [if the FAC recommends replacing Pearson on its present site].
- Bredablik should have representation on the FAC
- Options and Choice should be represented on the FAC
- Surveys have shown that the community cares about supporting CTE over sports
- Team with county to establish safe path between KMS and KHS

- Vinland also has an unsafe trail
- Neighbor to Gordon ES raised a concern he has regarding trees adjacent to his site
- At the second meeting there was discussion about KHS and KMS and the challenges those schools are facing with declining enrollment. There was general agreement that the schools are special and deeply important to the community. It is harder for a smaller high school fund the full range of course offerings so it was suggested that it might be worth considering an addition to KHS that would allow for the campus to house grades 6-12. There was some support for exploring the idea, many quiet voices, and no vocal descent.

Things the FAC should prioritize (in no particular order):

- Gordon classroom addition
- Artificial turf fields at KMS
- New track at KMS
- Expand Pearson parking
- New playground at Gordon in high need
- Water fountain at KHS baseball field
- Connection between KHS buildings
- Add mailroom to KHS (was cut to just cubbies in original construction)
- Tennis courts at KHS
- Move Choice Academy out of KHS.
- Kingston grandstands, tickets, bathrooms, concessions – big enough for graduation
- 2nd concessions building for baseball and softball should be replaced
- Options classrooms at Wolfle need to be key fobbed
- Safety and security
- Rebuild Pearson – this was mentioned many times
- Options and Choice need permanent buildings
- Suquamish HVAC replacement
- Replace Wolfle windows and add a security vestibule
- Remodel KMS
- No addition is needed at Poulsbo ES
- Auditorium and second gym for KHS
- Bathrooms could be made safer
- Move principal's office at PMS to front
- Special Ed rooms need reconfiguration at Suquamish ES
- Need fencing around site at Suquamish ES
- Update instrument lockers at NKHS

- Replace water fountain in music building at NKHS

END OF MEETING MINUTES