2016 Facilities and Technology Task Force Minutes

September 30, 2015

Shepton High School – 6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Members: Earnest Burke, Rebecca Egelston Caso, Rodney Davenport, Ken Gagliano, Bob Garrey, Ken Hutchenrider, Jeff Harrison, Annika Little, Bill McLaughlin, Dr. Raj Menon, Pat Miner, Fred Moses, Amy Nelson, Alex Plotkin, Rev. Patrick Price, Julie Richard, Corie Rubenstein, Doug Shockey, Ryan Steele, Rose Taper, John Teiber, Al Valente, Janet Weissman

District officials and others: Dr. Brian Binggeli, Steve Fortenberry, Dr. Jim Wussow, Susan Modisette, Dr. Kary Cooper, Karla Oliver, Dan Armstrong, Linda Madon, Kathy Waskow, Juan Ramos, Tony Pearson, Monica Sharapata, Mary Ann Lewis

Welcome – Rebecca Egelston Caso, Chair

The third Plano ISD Facilities and Technology Task Force meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Rebecca Egelston Caso, Chair. Rebecca announced that the tour of Shepton High School was next on the agenda.

Tour of Shepton High School – Bill McLaughlin, Shepton Principal

The Principal at Shepton High School, Bill McLaughlin, took the committee and staff on a short tour of the campus to point out problematic areas that need to be remedied.

Downstairs

1) Classroom that is undersized with a pillar in the middle of the room
2) A spot near the kitchen where you can stand in one spot and see seven different flooring types
3) Dance room with 2 pillars in the middle of the room
4) Classrooms that can only be accessed by going through another classroom
5) Art (significantly small area with no storage)

Upstairs

1) Nursing/Clinic
2) Front Entry (or lack of one)
3) Bus/Carpool issues
4) Major hallway overlooking stage and cafeteria

The tour lasted 23 minutes, and everyone reconvened in the cafeteria.

Follow Up from Previous Meeting – Rebecca Egelston Caso, Chair

Rebecca asked if anyone had trouble accessing the Google drive site for committee documents. No one indicated that they had any trouble. There were no other comments regarding the previous meeting, so Rebecca then turned the next portion of the meeting over to Dr. Binggeli.

Comments – Dr. Brian Binggeli, Superintendent

Dr. Binggeli began by stating that both he and Steve appreciated the good questions and recommendations from the first two meetings. This will provide some good quality recommendations for the November meeting. The committee has been very engaged and involved in this process.

Dr. Binggeli stated that he has visited two-thirds of the schools, since his term began in July 2015. For those on the committee who have never been anywhere else, they may not realize that the facilities at Plano ISD are very nice and well maintained. Plano ISD has had a long time commitment to renovating and renewing infrastructure.

Today's meeting is held at Shepton High School to show the current needs of the students and teachers. Shepton has been used for several purposes since it first opened in 1984. It housed both Shepton High School and Renner Middle School for 6 years, became Renner Middle School in 1990 and then back to Shepton High School in 1998. Although additions have been made and certain parts of the campus touched, there has not been a major renovation for most interior spaces. Today, Shepton is not the norm for Plano ISD schools and a major renovation is badly needed.

Discussion of Recommended Projects – Steve Fortenberry, CFO

Steve presented information in regard to major renovations and upgrades/refurbishments for Plano ISD. From a historical perspective, major renovations generally occur every 20 years.

Major Renovations Included:
Increasing classroom sizes to current TEA standards, re-engineering/replacing major building systems, adding square footage as required, improving circulation (how students/adults move through the building), upgrading the cafeteria and providing new kitchen equipment, updating cosmetic finishes, addressing life safety and code issues and advanced technology needs, and freshening up the exterior appearance with special focus on the main entry.

Refurbishments Included:
Providing a campus with updated finishes such as; carpet, tile, paint in select areas of the building and improving the overall exterior of the building including painting and landscaping. Flooring is also included if necessary. Other minor renovations may include moving walls and doors or modifying casework to increase functionality.

During the last two bond programs of 2004 and 2008, nineteen major renovation projects were completed. Existing facilities at Meadows, Sigler, Mendenhall, and Memorial elementary schools were completely demolished and new buildings constructed in lieu of renovation. An illustration of a major renovation at Brinker Elementary was presented to the committee. This project began in the spring of 2013 and completed in the fall of 2014. The cost of the project was $13.2 million and added an additional 25,000 square feet. Classroom sizes were increased from approximately +/-600 square feet to approximately +/-800 square feet. Every portion of the building was touched.

Refurbishment examples at both Hughston and Christie Elementary schools were presented. These refurbishments began in the summer of 2015 with a budget of $1,250,000 each. Pictures provided before and after visuals at each campus. Ryan Steele discussed what a difference a "face-lift" at Christie made to the community. The community was very pleased with the work that was done. Already,

housing prices have gone up in the area. Ryan stated that although he couldn't contribute that to the refurbishment alone, he does think it has had a positive impact.

Recommended major renovations for the 2016 Bond include Shepton High School and Robinson Middle School.

Why Shepton High School? Shepton opened in 1984 and housed both Shepton High School and Renner Middle School until 1990; then from 1990-1998 the campus was exclusively Renner Middle School; finally from 1998 to present the campus has been exclusively Shepton High School. Renovations at Shepton occurred in 2002/2003 and 2006/07. The scope of the work in 2002/03 included mechanical work and 3 changes to certain parts of the floor plan. In 2006/2007 the renovation/additions consisted of a science classroom addition (a district-wide project), a fine arts addition, new bus turn lane, kitchen renovation and some interior finish improvements.

Items to be included in the currently proposed renovations for Shepton High School include: classroom renovations in the main academic area, library renovation, cafeteria renovation, kitchen renovation, new administrative area, traffic flow improvements, band/orchestra addition, new dance team area, floor replacement, new roof, and addressing problems with the HVAC system. VLK Architects have been contracted, and were tasked with getting to a schematic drawing level where a reasonable estimate could be generated. The estimated cost will be $35 million. Tony Pearson discussed the major improvements to the overall site as well as the major improvements to the first floor area with the aid of drawings in the presentation.

Steve called on Karen Stanton, PISD Secondary Teacher of the Year from 2013-14 and currently an English teacher at Clark High School to comment on the difference a renovated campus can make to the faculty. Karen stated that she could not believe the difference the renovation made for Clark High School in 2010. She had been in the facility for meetings prior to the renovation and told herself she would never teach on that campus. When she interviewed at the campus following the renovations, her attitude about the campus was completely changed. The outside as well as the interior is now so fantastic, and she is very excited for Shepton to receive a major renovation that will mean so much to teachers, staff, and the community.

Why Robinson Middle School? Opening in 1994, Robinson MS is now 21 years old and will be 27 years old by the end of the 2016 Bond program in 2021. Robinson MS has virtually the identical floor plan as Hendrick Middle School, which received a major renovation in 2008 that improved/corrected problematic design features. The following are some of the proposed renovations being requested for Robinson Middle School: larger classrooms, new administration suite with security vestibule, new kitchen equipment and layout, new special education suite, renovate Fine Arts, enclose the cafeteria to eliminate noise, new floor, goals and bleachers in gym, updated library, larger science labs, and a larger art room with office and kiln. The estimated cost of $34.8 million is based on the actual Hendrick Middle School renovation cost plus an adjustment for inflation. The Robinson renovation was originally scheduled to be included in what would have been the 2012 bond program.

The recommended elementary school refurbishments are: Miller, Haggar, Barksdale, Gulledge, Haun and Skaggs. These campuses were also initially scheduled to be included in what would have been the 2012 bond program. All sites were built in the 1995-1997 timeframe. A budget of $2 million each is being recommended, as work will not be nearly as extensive as previous "20-year" projects. Steve mentioned that the standards have not changed as drastically since these campuses were built. These schools already have TEA sized classrooms, good circulation, and enclosed dining rooms and libraries.

The recommended middle school refurbishments are: Wilson and Bowman. These two campuses are the two oldest and most dated looking middle schools in the district. These two sites were previously scheduled to be part of the 2012 and 2016 bond programs. A budget of $4 million each (2 times the cost of an elementary refurbishment) is being recommended as work will not be as extensive as major renovations. Questions were raised about doing more for these two schools and could we do more for Williams High School? Steve said administration would definitely revisit these questions and report back to the committee. More discussion occurred about rotation schedules for painting and re-carpeting schools. Juan interjected that VCT is now being used in hallways instead of carpet for durability. Also, the growth spurt that Plano ISD experienced in the 90's was so fast and costly that some design items had to be cut. Dr. Binggeli said that a line had to be drawn in the sand so that the fundamental issues came first before carpet, paint, etc.

Bill McLaughlin and Ryan Steele, principals, said that students, teachers, and staff were all involved with input on planning the scope of work and design for the schools. The principal gathers and compiles this information before any project starts. The department coordinators have similar discussions with their particular departments at each school and have that information ready to discuss when it comes time to start design discussions with the architect.

The recommended high school refurbishment is for Jasper, which was built in 1996. A budget of $7 million (3.5 times the cost of an elementary refurbishment) is being recommended. Jasper HS was originally scheduled for the 2012 bond program.

Discussion ensued about the length of time and intrusiveness of a major renovation. Steve said that major renovations usually run the length of two summers and one school year. Once the contractor is on board, they begin to evaluate how to phase the project. A plan develops with input from the Principal, architect, contractor and District staff. How much of the building can they work on while still allowing everyday school operations to continue? Do portables need to be brought in? Throughout any phased project there are always barriers in place to separate the portions under construction from faculty and students for safety purposes. Security vestibules were also discussed and only the 3 senior high schools are without security vestibules at this time.

Many questions that arose such as systems and compliance, roofs, flooring, HVAC, etc. and are all going to be covered at the next meeting. Steve was asked what other items were going to be on the next agenda. The list included: additions, buses, kitchen renovations, safety and security needs, fine arts.

Steve recapped the estimated costs of the recommended major renovations and refurbishments that were presented:

<u>Major Renovations:</u>
Shepton High School - $35 million
Robinson Middle School - $34.8 million

<u>Refurbishments:</u>
6 Elementary Schools (Miller, Haggar, Barksdale, Gulledge, Haun, Skaggs) - $2 million each
2 Middle Schools (Wilson, Bowman) - $4 million each
1 High School (Jasper) - $7 million

Discuss October 15th Meeting, Rebecca Egelston Caso, Chair

Rebecca stated that the discussion for the October 15th meeting will be Additions, Modifications and Capital Improvements. This meeting will be held at the Administration Building.

Rebecca reiterated the committee requests made during the discussion. The committee would like to see:

1) Breakdown of components of the costs on the major renovation projects
2) An estimate to "freshen up" Williams High School

Rebecca also asked the committee if they would like to continue conversation regarding refurbishments and renovations. Everyone agreed.

Rebecca asked that if anyone on the committee has concerns or questions ahead of time to please let her know so she could pass on to Plano ISD staff. Anticipating concerns will help staff to have any extra information readily available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m., after Rebecca thanked everyone for their participation.