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MEMORANDUM

To:	Facilities Planning Task Force and Board Members
From:	Coupeville School District
Subject:	Community Feedback from the September 17 Facilities Planning Open House

On Thursday, September 17, Coupeville School District held its second facilities planning open house as part of the district's community feedback period.

Community members joined CSD staff, Board members, Facilities Planning Task Force members, and Wenaha Group representatives for a tour of the existing Coupeville Elementary School, a presentation, facilitated feedback, and general questions.

During the facilitated discussion, participants were asked to consider three questions:

- What choices would our community be proud of 30 years from now?
- What are the most important considerations when selecting an elementary school site?
- What else should the Facilities Planning Task Force consider during this process?

Participants could respond through Mentimeter, an online facilitation platform that displayed submissions to the group. Those who could not access the QR code were invited to write responses and general questions on sticky notes for the facilitator.

The attached pages compile the responses received through Mentimeter and the written notes. They are being shared in their original form so the Task Force and Board can hear directly from community members and review the full range of perspectives expressed. We are grateful to everyone who took the time to share their perspective. All input from the community feedback period, including these notes, will be provided to FPTF.

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What choices would our community be proud of 30 years from now?

Safety for our children

Making education more accessible for all

Prioritizing our children: their safety, education, and overall well-being.

Choosing safety of our future generations

Preservation of the Reserve. Always.

Implementation of inter generational goals

Option A and the Terry road site?

There are groups that help schools navigate traffic. Has the district brought in one of these groups?

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What choices would our community be proud of 30 years from now?

An all inclusive, safe, and seismic rated school.

That we supported our students in supporting a school that meets the educational and safety needs of our school.

you protected the landscape defined by the reserve and got strong support for keeping the new school at old site

A new school on the existing site. The old building kept for community use to enrich student and family lives.

Build new school on existing site

Great CTE to build a local workforce

Making sound financial decisions, so tomorrow's adults are able to move into the future, without old debt.

A school district that supports our students to succeed in the world while respecting our unique historical, cultural environment

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What choices would our community be proud of 30 years from now?

A school that allows for enrollment growth and protects nationally significant viewsheds. Working with town and county and all entities to abide by historical reserve intentions.

That we built the school BUT maintained the prairie reserve in its current sight lines and kept necessary construction to the current location and not on Ebeys road

A new, modern school that meets the needs of our students and teachers. A school and grounds that use the land as best as possible. A school that is energy efficient and ADA compliant.

We do not look like sprawl. Our town continues to have a historical esthetic

Choosing what's best for our children in the long term vs short term costs. Especially interested in supporting education in the living wage trades as skilled practitioners are in short supply.

A school whos front door is locked and monitered but there is a fence where people can walk in and there are multiple unlocked doors near it

Building a safe school.

Build on existing site

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What choices would our community be proud of 30 years from now?

Facilities that support careers in the trades as well as careers that require

The farm to school program is outstanding!

That the community worked together to meet the needs of our students

Use of land in a way that keeps our history alive, maintains the reserve, and provides our kids high quality education

30 years from now our community would be proud to have schools that facilitate learning at a high level

I think we need to make choices that prioritize increased learning opportunities, improved staff satisfaction, student safety, and increased accessibility.

Investing in a safe and protected place for our students to learn and appreciate the precious lands they get to grow up on.

Existing site

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What choices would our community be proud of 30 years from now?

Never losing a child's life to a car accident.

Great outdoor sports facilities

A school that highlights the uniqueness and beauty of our community while providing the best learning environment for our students

Creating a facility that doesn't destroy the cultural landscape we have worked so hard to protect

That we still have Ebey Reserve intact and Students prepared for careers

Having great facilities to educate our students. Being able to educate our children for careers, jobs and trades that are not even thought of yet!!!

Tech and other improvements that lead to career preparation

strong majority of alums report having an excellent education in Voupebille

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What choices would our community be proud of 30 years from now?

The Reserve!

Balancing priorities of the task force and the goals of the school board, with attention to outdoor learning, to connecting Ebey's Reserve w our school, to creating innovative learning opportunities

Stay on the school property and demolish and re build and re configure a lot

New elementary school. Safe and accessible buildings Locate school near existing but on other side of playground, in woods. Allows more room for pick up and buses and keep construction away from kids

Facilities that support careers in the trades as well as careers that require technical or college courses.

Allowing all students an environment they can learn in, blind, wheel chairs, deaf. Instead of bussing students out with these disabilities.

Keeping our night sky.

Having programs that meet the changing needs of students that are not college bound. To have a safe, healthy, environment for students to grow in and through to their graduate years. Option A

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What choices would our community be proud of 30 years from now?

Build new school at existing site

A new school on the existing site.

Building school on existing site is a better long term even if inconvenient in the short term

Sports facilities that highlight the beauty of the reserve

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What are the most important considerations when selecting an Elementary School site?

Safety

Traffic flow

Safety

Preserve the Reserve

Safety for children!!!

Student safety

Student experience and learning

Non disruptive to learning and safety.

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What are the most important considerations when selecting an Elementary School site?

Traffic mitigation

Nature

Student safety. Being as far from the highway as possible. Building on the existing school site is a safety hazard for students being so close to the highway

Accessibility, safety, cultural landscape.

Cost effective. Child safety. Least impact on community.

Safety Reserve Price

Choose the long term best. Thousands of schools have rebuilt on the existing site. That should NOT be te reason to use Terry

Safety....away from highway and Main Street

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What are the most important considerations when selecting an Elementary School site?

Ability to make school safe and practical in terms of folks' access.

Getting away from the highway, and not be ducks sitting on a pond.

Safety. Accessibility.

Student safety. Period. The current location puts vulnerable children in harms way.

Cost of construction

Traffic and safety. Sensitivity for the Reserve Building Guidlones. Building costs and overall site satisfaction.

Location that is efficient but takes into account historic location in its planning.

student learning, safety and community involvement

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What are the most important considerations when selecting an Elementary School site?

Student safety Maintaining good relations with the Preserve Traffic flow

Safety. Function of transportation in. Blending in with the area and preserving the natural beauty.

Getting the school away from 20

Student safety.

Safety (away from the highway and hospital which has had to put CES student in lock down multiple times) and a site conducive to learning (e.g. further from traffic noise, helicopter and jet noise)

If you build it they will come!... increased enrollment.

Not utilizing Ebey's reserve. Building new elementary on current site possibly in stages

-Is the land open? -Does it keep the preserve protected? -Does it keep the beauty of coupville and the preservation?

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What are the most important considerations when selecting an Elementary School site?

The traffic will be an issue at either site. Consultation needs to happen. There are groups that can help. Safety will be better on Main if you redo the traffic pattern

Our situation is unique to others. The reserve must be respected. The current site is the appropriate site because of this.

Protecting the Prairie. Ebey's Reserve is one of the attractions that brings people to Coupeville. Tourism is the main industry of Coupeville. Without the Prairie, there would ve fewer jobs.

Safety and the best environment for lifelong learning for all students and staff

Safety and walkability while also respecting the reserve

Since the taxpayers are footing the bill they have to be happy where the building is since in 60 years the building will need to be re-done and you can't re-do the Ebey Reserve.

The current and future students educational opportunities.

Long term future growth potentials of elementary and allowing for expanding and providing for year around outdoor athletics the community users desire that the current site limits..

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What are the most important considerations when selecting an Elementary School site?

Not destroying a cultural landscape that the community worked so hard to protect

Safety of the kids, top priority. The proximity to the highway, jail, hospital, and intersections that regularly have catastrophic car accidents needs to be a top focus.

That it serves the community function as well as the educational function. That it provides the connection to place as well as a path to a future.

Obviously safety of students! But that can be accomplished at the old existing site which equally is important to reuse knowing we've protected the viewscape provided by the reserve.

Protect Reserve and adhere to reserve development requirements. Be aware of light pollution in design. Road safety for students and drivers.

Road safety: have there been issues of cars entering or being close to the play area or is this hypothetical. Cannot imagine a round about being a safer option. Protecting viewsheds and farms.

Keeping the school farm where it's at, getting away from the ferry traffic and light. Getting away from the highway.

The historical nature of the land being the only National Reserve in the country,

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What are the most important considerations when selecting an Elementary School site?

Avoiding disruption to student education (including construction noise), student safety for all forms of transportation, size limitations of site, size of outdoor play area, size of covered play area

Safety and Opportunity

The current and future students educational opportunities.

Safety

Quiet, pleasant environment. Keeping the history and environment as a new school with upgraded bathrooms, access etc. stay on original location

Noise abatement

Accessibility to other community resources like public bus lines, grocery stores, hospital, etc.

The hidden costs of the work that would be needed at the Ebey/Hwy 20 side. There is not a safe way to cross there.

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What are the most important considerations when selecting an Elementary School site?

Enhanced learning environments Opportunities for outdoor learning Respect for Ebey's Reserve and either building on current site or moving the Terry Rd school location so that reseve is preserved

Student safety. Further from public highways. .

Hearing from the whole community, not just the.most vocal

Student safety is number one priority. potentially saving a child' life is worth careful encroachment on a land reserve, especially considering how the high school and middle school are on the reserv

That we balance the needs of our students with the needs of the nations only federally designated reserve in the nation. We can address safety without irrevocably impacting our landscape

It is shortsighted to think moving to the other side would create more safety

Protecting Ebey's Reserve and agriculture by selecting existing site and rejecting Terry Road site.

Conducive to local ideals (historic reserve, CTE, college bound), safety, NOT the convenience of short term construction or logistics but long term best solution.

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What are the most important considerations when selecting an Elementary School site?

Impact to the historical reserve. Impact to the Community that will be most directly impacted by a move to Terry Road. Have a meeting with those people.

Terry Rd site would intrude on historical sites and the beauty of the reserve

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What else should the Facilities Planning Task Force consider during this process?

Intersection improvements are SR 20/Ebey and Ebey/Terry for BOTH sites since they BOTH will put traffic on Ebey

Possibility of a third site option

Outside clubs and sporting group needs for future sports complex.

Building for the unknown future

Having a group come in and help with the traffic patterns. Many schools in Northshore school district have created safe patterns on 2 lane roads or on city streets using these groups.

Traffic around the schools

How to coordinate the building of the school on the same campus as students.

Saftey of students

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What else should the Facilities Planning Task Force consider during this process?

Make a matrix comparing options so the community can see why one site was chosen

The reserve

Key issues have been identified

Consideration of all stakeholders, and utilizing the existing community resources to make an informed, legal proposal

Potential cost of improving district office. We must be able to attract and retain top admin. I bet the air quality and comfort are lacking.

Slowing down. I think attempts to include the community and reserve were made, though many feel they missed the opportunity. Though not intentional, it feels rushed.

Possible funding sources if project were to include intergenerational/ senior services

What are education subject matter experts saying that we need to consider. Give more choices regarding total costs. What are alternatives to demolish and rebuilding WITH costs

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Location not in the Reserve view shed. Better traffic flow plan for buses, parents, and kids than what had been presented as options so far.

How to pass a Bond considering there is a large sentiment within the community that appear to be in disapproval of the Terry Road site. Architeture that is relavent to the Reserve guidelines.

We appreciate their careful consideration and efforts so far. Student learning needs to continue to be prioritized above all else.

Hidden costs to the taxpayer — what the road work and lights and widening roads, etc

Need to build or renovate for long term including life of building, changes of use, minimizing total operational costs

Overall cost of project, 100 million plus dollars for 500 children and 1000 overall How do we make this cost effective for the 5000 households that have to pay for it?

The Terry site won't hurt the reserve, and can be built in a way the improves it. Don't let false fear and misinformation dismiss that site over protecting kids safety!

The Reserve design guidelines. Also, the reserve can access resources that other communities do not have. Including the Trust Board in this process facilitates community support & new possibilities.

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What else should the Facilities Planning Task Force consider during this process?

Infringement on the historic farms on the reserve

Don't forget to work with the farmers, they are locally and nationally significant and a total asset. Thank you school board and admin and task force!

Think long term, sometimes the loudest voices aren't speaking for the majority

It feels like the Terry Rd option is positioned as "safer," though I don't believe this to be true. Please present more info on how this option mitigates traffic and safety concerns.

Projection of student population using past numbers

Senior citizen pay a lot for schools happily and love this unique place. The reserve's Trust Board that represents the community needs to have a major play in siting the new school.

If the existing site is chosen, which has serious safety issues, those, safety concerns MUST be resolved

Making sure that the site choice appeals to the folks that will be voting on the Bond Measure i.e. reading the room.

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What else should the Facilities Planning Task Force consider during this process?

Changes to highway 20 that might be needed. Maintaining good relations with those representing the Preserve. Are upgrades needed to maintain a vibrant center for the performing arts.

Tribal voices

How can we bring in more community access or involvement to make the school district a common “backyard space” for neighboring properties. Volunteering? Crosswalk guards? Citizens on patrol?

long term thriving of Coupeville as a prosperous community requires a family friendly environment and excellent education. investigate fund raising grants from prosperous alums.

Choosing the option that works best for the community, paying attention to community feedback while slowing down the process.

Don’t be in a hurry. Slow down. Dont build on Terry/Ebey. Look at the possibility of a conservation easement to help fund the school construction on the current site or purchase another site in town

Plan for long term uses including but not limited to current EI school projections, low operational costs, and possible reuse and expansion

More information going out to the general public in a timely manner. I felt a bit blind sided by the Ebeys Terry option. It made me feel left out on something very important for the community and $

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Doing an impact study of the heavy construction, road building, consistent bus, & school facilities traffic to the mobile homes along the baseball field side of Terry Rd

Great job so far !!! Keep up the excellent work !!! Remember Ebey's and keep school on current site!!!

Put better graphics on the website. Blurry when enlarged. When housing prices go down, how will the bond be funded? Get actual studies done before presenting options that turn out to not be possible.

How new school infrastructure would impact the cultural landscape of a nationally significant historic area. This community has always found a balance of new and old; that should continue.

Slowing down the process, to effectively work with community feedback.

Architecture, building materials, durable, Fencing, landscape/ trees,considering WA weather consider overhangs, storm drains/ponds/ roof drains

Safety and thoughtful reserve encroachment like the high school

Build on current site, safety, create best educational learning environments, eliminate Ebey Reserve as an option, work to create better traffic flow at crucial times

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Consider how things are worded. Right now some materials seem leading towards the “convenience” or “new” of Terry

Ada and safety. Nature is less important than children’s lives

Several of the reserve comments tonight were from people not in the school district. Prioritize hearing from those of us in the school district since it is OUR vote that matters. Terry Road site!

Ebeys Reserve Design Guidelines and applicable state and federal laws.

Communication seems to be leading. Is that the intent?

Which site would provide future facility growth and allow for easier expansion or upgrades if desired or needed. If Terry site then more opportunities on current site?

Consider how the middle school and high school are already on the reserve and how they can build on the reserve considerately as they already have

Involve Ebey’s Trust Board in process! Terry Road site would violate many laws and if selected would never survive legal review. Terry would only offer South to north travel through school zones.

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Mainly consider the extreme impact on ebey Terry road proposal on the reserve disregard that site! If that proposal goes away and school stays on their property site, levy will pass faster . Do all n

Y. Bhhhh

None

The Terry Road site would be an improvement to the Reserve if built well. It'd be a community asset.

I am disappointed that I did not get to hear my communities' questions.

Other grant opportunities

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Written feedback:

1. Put better graphic on website - currently unreadable when enlarged.
2. Prairie encroachment survey? Enviro impact? Like to see "block" drawing at diff. loc. on school property.
3. What happens if the housing market decline?
4. Preserve the Reserve - it cannot be stated too often. Read and re-acquaint yourselves on what the unique cooperative agreement means for Coupeville and its surrounds.
5. Totally agree new school needed! Site move is? Can new building be along Hwy? Mitigate noise?
6. Remember the HUGE importance of Ebey Landing. Keep the school where it is on current site - but build new.
7. Protect the Reserve! It was an astounding effort, an amazing and unique accomplishment, admired by visitors and local citizenry alike! No building at the edge of it (Ebey/Terry Rds) can be good!
8. Preserving Coupeville History (Reserve)
9. Great concern (!) about a "gateway" to Coupeville on Terry Rd. being BLOCKED with school buildings! Tourism is major to the Town's economy. Infrastructure is also a concern.
10. Is there any thought/plan to incorporate senior resident community interaction within space in the new building?
11. Were teachers and staff surveyed for needs regarding the facility and if so where are the results?
12. Proud of 30 yrs? More available CTE. Support from the community continuing. Protecting open space!
13. Q1 30yr: A healthy, accomplished, emotionally stable, physically able [unclear] of students.
14. Do not choose Ebey Road site which would impose on Ebey's Landing Reserve.
15. PRESERVE THE RESERVE
16. Where did the $8mil figure come from? Estimate for when the actual build happens? 3-5 yrs out
17. Can you ask for a show of hands in opposition to the Ebey Terry site?

18. If noise, HVAC, electrical, roof, circulation and security are fixed how does present facility hinder learning over a new school?
19. Would the Terry Road site require annexation of land into the town limits? That would be highly problematic for many reasons.
20. There are groups that help schools navigate traffic. Has the district brought in one of these groups?
21. We found the task force slides for all the meetings, but not the notes. Are the notes available? To the public?
22. re: p/u drop off highway... our highway in front of school is 2 lanes/25 with many urban area hwy 4-6 lanes on entrance.
23. Q2: Safety, ADA access, areas to support CTE, STEM and athletics & preserve the integrity of the Reserve.
24. What assumptions were used to estimate bond costs for avg. household? interest? term? bond legal & placement costs?
25. Are there any recent studies/models that could be utilized for reference to build from in other areas? i.e. California schools in similar situations, many, many are
26. The Senior Population pays significantly for schools. They also value preserving the Ebey Reserve.
27. Why wasn't the possibility of annexation of part of the historic Engle farm into town limits disclosed to the public?
28. Where are costs for site costs of field relocation, site utility for the Terry/Ebey option?
29. What is plan to re-use, repurpose materials from demolition of current bldg? (materials that can be re-used)
30. Coupeville has always supported Levy's. Proposal for construction on Ebey Road would have an organized Vote No campaign.
31. Q3: Preparing for a rapidly changing environment driven by Climate Chaos.
32. With bond rates at their highest in many years, what is the risk, and possible benefits to delay the decision 2-3 years?
33. What renovation and small expansion design were developed and costed as alternatives?
34. Is there any thought of how the Community can use the Buildings?
35. The Terry Rd site talked about SR20/Ebey intersection improvements. Would the existing site get that since traffic would enter on Ebey Rd?

36. Did RFP go out for Renovation and Expansion of Main Bldg? Adding Hallways and Bathrooms and classrooms
37. Why wasn't the Ebey's Reserve Trust Board asked for its input at the outset of the process? Its input is vital!
38. Keeping Ebey's Prairie views as is? Put new school on old school property.
39. [unclear] Road - Seen that!
40. What role has the Trust Board had in siting the new school? We prefer same location.
41. Are improvements at the Terry/Ebey intersection part of the plan for the Terry site?
42. Terry Road disrupts resident part. Terry Mobile Park particularly along the baseball field side. Is there a plan to do an impact study on vibrations of machinery, buses, traffic etc. to mobile homes?
43. Gave the Option A "Bells & Whistles" potential & there are ways to [unclear] in Option "B". By not putting them there you are not comparing Apples to Apples. It looks like there's an effort to make Terry Rd look less pricey.
44. Will we be allowed to make comments at a mic this evening?
45. Many people aren't able to use QR codes. Give an email and mail address for feedback.
46. Not letting people speak tonight? Some are computer illiterate.