

Growth and Capital Needs Committee
January 5, 2016
Meeting Notes

I. Dinner

Karin Reynolds, Deputy Superintendent, welcomed all and reminded all no reflection sheets will be completed on the nights we have presentations. If you have questions please post in the "Parking Lot."

II. Sharing feedback, answers, and questions and talking points

Karin asked that members carefully read the reflection summary sheet. These are the comments from the green reflection sheets members filled out from Oct., Nov., and Dec. The second section of that handout is answers to the questions members asked.

Tom Gregory, District Financial Officer, is offering a bond finance session for those interested to learn more about school finance. Tom said there were questions about alternatives, operating dollars, etc. This meeting would address those questions. We will set a meeting date and Karin will invite the GCNC.

III. Preparing for department presentations

Tom Gregory, District Financial Officer, explained the department presentation the committee will hear tonight.

Tom shared a revised seven year projection going out to 2022. This is used to build enrollment projections.

- Discussion of handouts
 - i. Fact sheets – on each site. Tom explained the fact sheets on transportation, facilities, and the EAC. Members will receive one of these for every department that has a facility on the night of that presentation. They are all formatted the same, all have an aerial photo and facts on it. Any dollars included on these information sheets are in that year dollars. Insurance replacement value is getting at today's dollars.
 - ii. Presentation note-taking - Tom said it would be helpful to take notes. All the handouts you receive are yours, not to be turned in. It may be 3-4 months before we start talking about the information you hear tonight.
 - iii. Capital projects completed and incomplete - Two handouts shared. Projects done with annual operating dollars.
DM = Deferred Maintenance (repair/paint...)
CI = Capital Improvement
CR = Capital Renewal (something being removed and upgraded)

Question:

- What have schools been asked for?
 - In October a document went to each site asking for capital needs.

Talking Points document was shared. Please use when talking to community and share as needed.

Gary Coulter said it important to be able to realize what is a priority 1 and a true safety need. If you don't make sure each school is speaking the same language, it's hard for the GCNC to make recommendations. Tom said if a need is a true health and safety need, it should be on the priority 1 list. Tom said inside of priority 1 there will be a scale as well. Tom invited the committee to ask questions and remember that we get to do field trips in April and see things that have been discussed.

For each of the teams providing presentations below, handouts were provided on which members could take notes, and all handouts and minutes will be on the website.

IV. Instructional Technology presentation

Shelley Kooser, Chief Information Officer, introduced Steve Endicott, IT Director, and Scott Harrison, Network Engineer. PowerPoint and proposal summary shared and attached to these notes.

Questions:

- BYOD, will the infrastructure be there to implement? Shelley said yes, and each site will have a strategy to meet the needs. The infrastructure presented tonight is based on all students having a device (either student or parent provided).
 - Shelley said numbers are estimated over the next 6-8 years, the long term part of the bond funds.
- Ralph asked about the operational costs of this kind of things. It's not like sticks and bricks.
 - Shelley said fiber has a use life of forever. With the infrastructure it's the cost of doing business to ensure we have the capacity for students to learn and teachers to teach in the 21st century world.

Karin reminded all to post any questions that we don't have time to discuss this evening on the parking lot.

V. Facilities presentation

Tom presented in place of Mark Bissel. Mark Bissell actually retired, after working for 39 years. He'll return in Feb. to finish the school year. According to PERA rules he is taking the month of January off, and during that time, he had many plans but went skiing and tore his Achilles tendon.

Henry Reitwiesner, Construction and Environmental Services Supervisor, spoke to the facilities management compound needs. 40+ employees are responsible for maintaining the 35 facilities. Tom explained the water line work going at facilities; it shares a line with Challenger Middle School; it has broken 5 times and was repaired over the winter break.

Tom explained this is the needs of the facility compound, not the district wide facilities. Tom spoke to the needs of the District 20 football stadium at Liberty High School, and a hope for a district stadium at Pine Creek High School. Tom explained one of the reasons for building the other stadium at Pine Creek is that there are no existing homes nearby that would object to stadium lighting. In addition, Tom shared that access to Air Academy High School is a problem. Tom explained the need for artificial turf at baseball fields, and this would allow other sports to use the same field. Tom spoke again about the list of capital projects. We would need to look at the cost and what could be afforded if bond dollars become available and what can be afforded on an annual basis. The GCNC needs to think about what is an appropriate level of funding to benefit the students and taxpayers of the district. The current list includes projects totaling 99 million. Pages 4&5 of the document that he provided speak to 21 projects highlighted; they are coded DW which is district wide. These items may be under the school lists when they present, so members may see some duplication. Without duplication this list takes the district from 98 million to 70 million. GCNC should rely on the 70 million number, reflecting no or minimum duplication.

Questions:

- Synthetic surfaces have come in the news as cancer causing, have we looked at validity of that?
 - Tom said that testing on these fields indicates that the level of carcinogen research outside of NBC news reports is that it is perfectly safe. Manufacturers would not make it available if it were dangerous; vast majority says it's safe. It has been around 15 years since this turf was installed, and it has been heavily used the last 5-10 years. This replacement process would be gradual; vendors compete for the bids. Would not be able to do all in even two summers, probably 3-5 years. We have not talked about the order this may happen. Would start with the fields where competition would happen. Competition size fields cost about \$400-500,000 total cost.
- D20 stadium, switch fence from 6-8 feet?
 - This is for unauthorized use more than vandalism; if we don't this creates a liability issue.

VI. Transportation presentation

Cindy Hardin, Director for Transportation, and Brian Grady, Executive Director for Security and Transportation, presented. Choice transportation is provided for out-of-district on a space available basis; students would need to get to the hub site.

Transportation fee – they collect about \$400,000 and do see it increasing over time.

Transportation budget is \$700,000. We turn away many field trip requests. Adding another sport, field hockey, will also put a strain on transportation.

VII. Learning Services presentation

Dr. Susan Field, Assistant Superintendent for Learning Services, explained this department includes curriculum, assessment, and special education, and preschool. Dr. Field shared the list

of schools and programs that need a permanent location that would like to be housed together in a new Academy 20 Innovation and Learning Campus. We have seen steady growth in each of the programs like AVP and Home School Academy (HSA).

Questions:

- What is the Village at Pine Creek? It is a 9th grade blended learning program that includes an online curriculum and project based learning that brings students to the school.

Dr. Field said there is no cost estimate for this yet; she will pull together cost estimates as we get closer to determining the bond question. Some of this would give space back to the schools that are providing space for programs now. (For example, Challenger Learning Center is housed at Challenger Middle School and HSA space could go back to preschool.) There is no space identified yet. Tom mentioned perhaps The Farm might dedicate space to this.

- Gary Coulter asked about the safety of modular as they seem like more of a liability than an asset. This is a primary reason TCA moved all students to buildings and administration to modulars.
 - Brian Grady said modulars are less safe, but the mass shootings/tragedies are not happening in modulars. Gary asked if there is a rationale for D20 to minimize modular, and whether we can be sure that they can hear all communications. Brian said he would verify.

VIII. Closure

Karin shared that Superintendent Mark Hatchell is sending a midyear update to the community tomorrow, and because there is mention of the work GCNC is doing, Karin shared a copy with GCNC.

IX. Next meeting: January 26th, 5:30 – 8:00 at RHS Tech Wing

GCNC documents are housed at <http://www.asd20.org/committees/gcnc/Pages/default.aspx>

Attendance: Kathy Armacost, Ralph Braden, Megan Chura, Gary Coulter, Kelly Goyden, Cindy Hardin, Vernita Hare, Tammie Mohr, Dan Olson, Matt Pacione, Jackie Priessman, Henry Reitwiesner, Patrick Schumaker, Anthony Sibley, Robin Stanforth, Jason Stejskal, Will Temby, David Tubb, Mark VanGambleare, Jackie Walls, Stephen Zamborelli

Absent: Francine Henderson, Ryan Henkel, Kim Hollm, McKenzie Palmer, Vish Paradkar, Ruth Schoen, Tony Scott, Vicki Taylor

Ad Hoc Members Present: Nanette Anderson, Dr. Susan Field, Brian Grady, Tom Gregory, Shelley Kooser, Anne Krajcovic, Dr. David Peak, Karin Reynolds, Greg Stephens, Linda Warhoe

Absent: Mark Bissell