

Talking points for the GCNC – January 2016

- The committee is composed of parents, students, staff members, community members who don't currently have children in district schools, and community business leaders.
- The committee's **only** goal is to make **recommendations** to Superintendent Dr. Mark Hatchell by May 2016 regarding each of five categories: new construction, per pupil school improvement dollars, capital renewal/improvement, remodels and additions, and district infrastructure technology needs.
- The superintendent can accept all or part of the recommendations from the committee.
- **Only** the Academy District 20 Board of Education can declare, by passing a resolution, that the district will have a ballot question for a bond for November 2016.
- During the fall semester of the 2015-2016 school year, the GCNC held three meetings. All meeting agendas and meeting minutes are available at asd20.org under the tab that is labeled **Committees**.
- Information the committee has received includes:
 - What is a bond? What does bond money buy? How do districts finance bonds? Academy District 20 last asked voters to approve a bond in 2001 for \$163 million. Legally, bond funds are only for capital construction and capital equipment. (Infrastructure, building improvements, furniture, technology)
 - Presentations by representatives of three major developers who confirmed that the housing market is improving and developments in the north and east portions of the district expect to continue a high rate of construction for the next three to five years. The addition of new residential units is expected to add more than 4,800 new students to the district in the next seven years (2022)
 - By city ordinance, developers proposing to build new homes must dedicate property or pay fees for schools and parks. Developers in Academy District 20 dedicate property for school sites.
 - The district does not legally accept the sites until the district has funding to construct schools and intends to use those sites. Although several future school sites have been platted, the district only owns one of the sites.
- The GCNC is reviewing a Long Range Capital Expenditure document developed in 2007 by a committee with the same membership composition. That document has recommendations the committee can affirm, modify, or disregard.
- In January, each school and department in the district will begin making presentations to the committee about how it would use per pupil school improvement dollars within their existing buildings if a bond is approved by voters, and they may propose more significant projects for the committee to consider.