

Community Advisory Team (CAT) Meeting #1 - Minutes Wm. Henry Harrison High School Media Center 7 – 9PM

Introductions – individuals introduced themselves and shared their affiliation with the district, years as a Harrison resident, and favorite book. 53 members in attendance plus SHP and Harrison Press reporter.

Welcome – *John C. Hamstra, Superintendent*

We are starting with a blank slate, seeking input to see what the community really wants. This committee advisory team is a very representative group from all cross-sections of the community. Right now, every idea is welcome. Think of this like a funnel – we put all the ideas in and then filter out as we go through the process, refining a final plan.

Todd Thackery, SHP - This group serves as the integrative team. 4 Big inputs: Facilities, Education Visioning, Finances, Community. At the end of this process, this group will propose a plan to the Board of Education that is financially responsible and community supported.

Task: Community Values and Goals – *“What is important to you related to future education and facilities in Southwest Local School District?”* Table discussion, each group records their responses on a document. SHP will compile their responses and present at the beginning of our next CAT meeting.

Share out – Common Themes

Infrastructure, technology

Buildings that can handle special needs

21st century learning spaces

Safety and security

Cleanliness of facilities (bathrooms)

Air quality

Lower class sizes/ better student-teacher ratio

Art space

Community schools vs. one central campus

Flexible classroom space

Ability to stay competitive academically with students from other schools

Future growth opportunities

Up to date curriculum

Multi-purpose space for community to use

Busing

College/Career planning and preparedness

Air conditioning

Community-connectedness for graduates

Fiscally-responsible school design/environmental costs

Quality traffic flow inside and outside – first responder ease of access

Technical education/alternatives to college

Minimizing sound

Water leakage

*At the next meeting, this entire list will be compiled and we will begin the meeting by prioritizing the need.

Update on State program (OSFC program):

State share has gone up to 32%, from 26% in 2015. SLSD requested an update of the 2015 enrollment projection based on higher enrollment than projected. If the Facility Master Plan preferred by the SLSD Community intends to take advantage of the 32% from OSFC, the State has requested notice of the plan from SLSD by early April 2017.

Question: Rigidity of the OFC rules? SHP clarifies that now there is more flexibility.

SHP reviews the requirements for OSFC participation
*WVE currently has flood plain elevation under review.

Jerry Dirr – SHP, Facilities Audit Report

-What is the cost to just keep our buildings warm, safe, and dry? What would this cost to get our schools to this level? \$17,184,949

-To upgrade interior finishes, technology, security, loose furnishings
\$25,999,428

-To add building-wide AC, upgrade electric, update controls
\$49,212,244

-Provide 21st Century learning environments:
?? New facilities.

“We have some critical, critical problems that need to be addressed in some of these buildings.”

Breakdown provided by school for warm/safe/dry, technology update and renovation, and 21st century renovation/rebuild.

John C. Hamstra – **clarification on current maintenance issues** – it’s always something. We have an electrician, plumber, an HVAC expert on staff, and a general – Mr. Fix anything gentleman and they are constantly working...they are never short of projects.

Enrollment – 2 kids just moved in today from Memphis, TN. We could be looking at modulars soon at Miamitown. We’re busting at the seams.

Enrollment numbers presented – how much growth is happening? District enrollment is up about 316 students, overall.

We have a blank canvas here – the goal tonight was to present all the information – OSFC update, Facilities Audit information (just completed yesterday), and Enrollment projections, so that you have it to consider.

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**Todd Thackery – SHP – Back to group work
Facility Master Plan Options**

What facility Master Plan Options should SLSD consider? Table discussion, will share out results.

Share out:

Team 1:

Neighborhood schools – keeping existing buildings and adding on to them
Vs. Central campus

Team 2: Pro's and Con's of community schools vs. central campus

Team 3:

New Middle School
Rec Center/Community Center with a pool
2 Elem. Schools
Reno HS
Put this on the ballot once as an all-in plan

Team 4:

Centralized location
2 Elem Schools – a north and south?
Completely rebuild JS
Reno HS
Aquatic Center

Team 5:

2 Elementaries or one central campus
New JS
Reno or new HS
Maybe move JS to HS and build new HS

Team 6:

Secondary campus and Primary Campus
Primary K-6, Secondary 7-12

Team 7:

Central Campus
Size concerns over the size of the elementary, though
Renovate HS
Replace JS
Merge 4 elementaries into 2 – HE and Crosby, WVE and MT

Team 8:

Don't recommend a plan that has already been voted down
Have to address the elementaries:
Renovate HS
Tear down JS and build on same site
2 elementaries – Crosby and HE combined, WVE and MT combined (East and West)
Where to put them - location? Flood plain issues.

Wrap-up, John Hamstra

Next steps:

Town Hall #2 Feb. 9 @ Harrison Elementary, 7PM

CAT #2 Feb. 23, HS Media Center, 7PM

Between now and then, please get out and talk to folks. You saw how hard it was to put things down on paper at your tables. We will need to reach consensus in the next 5 meetings. Talk to people. You are their bullhorn.

John will be at Coffee Peddler this Friday morning from 8am-10am and the last Friday of every month, through the school year.

Question: Are you talking to other districts to see what they would have done differently? Yes, absolutely. We talk to superintendents all the time.

Question: Communication with St. John's families? Yes, but it's tricky.

Thank you to all!