



## Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee

November 8, 2018

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Carruth Administration Center, Board Auditorium  
1111 West 6th Street, Austin, TX 78703

### MEETING MINUTES

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Committee Members: Leticia Caballero, Cherylann Campbell, Alejandro Delgado, Gabriel Estrada, Paulette Gibbins, Dusty Harshman, Rick Potter, Barbara Spears-Corbett, Valerie Tyler

Staff: Beth Wilson, Melissa Laursen, Bob Cervi, Matias Segura, Christian Casarez-Clarke, Samantha Alexander, Celso Baez, Richard Shearman, Darien Clary

Consultants: Mark Rahe, Josh Sawyer

Visitors: Cecilia Gutierrez, Misty Lindsey

#### **1. Call to order and overview of meeting goals (6:12 PM)**

Tri-chair Leticia Caballero called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM and reviewed the meeting goals.

#### **2. Public Comment**

*Akins HS teacher* – teacher has been located within a portable classroom for 16 of her 18 years at Akins; issues with getting timely repairs on portables; all portables on campus on well beyond the 15-year lifespan; there are 1,100 students in portables every class period; safety issues are the biggest concern (e.g. non-ADA compliant ramps, leaky roofs).

*Akins HS teacher* – teacher has been located within a portable classroom for 13 of her 16 years at Akins; some of the portables do not have ramps; negative impacts on teacher climate; difficult to implement learning strategies due to the small space; lack of restrooms in portables; request for portables with restrooms for students, or a building with restrooms located near the portables.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes (October 11)**

Minutes were approved as presented.

#### **4. Subcommittee and working group report outs**

- Community Engagement Subcommittee – See agenda item #5
- Permanent Capacity Work Group – See agenda item #6
- Equity Subcommittee – See agenda item #7
- Portable Reduction Strategy Work Group – Group has met twice and are reviewing data including: number and condition of portables at each campus; cost to demo or relocate a



portable. Additionally, discussion included fiscal impacts to demolish a portable when bond funding cannot be used.

## **5. Discuss process and community engagement strategies related to Athletics, CTE, and Fine Arts Master Plans**

Stantec, consultant for the master plans, presented the organizational structure and explained the work plan. The Department of Communications and Community Engagement (DCCE) is working closely with Stantec and the FABPAC's Community Engagement subcommittee to establish an engagement strategy for the process. The district is currently working on an introductory *FMP 2019 Update* message, to be distributed in the coming weeks. The DCCE team asked that FABPAC members communicate information back to their trustees.

In December, Stantec will be hosting tours in the Houston and Dallas areas to see examples of state-of-the-art athletics, CTE and fine arts facilities. Additional tours will take place in the Austin metro area. In January 2019, a survey will be released to the AISD community asking for feedback that will be used to inform the master planning process. Additional efforts being undertaken by Stantec include updates to the Educational Specifications (specific to Athletics, CTE and Fine Arts), and campus master plans for fifteen (15) secondary schools.

## **6. Update on permanent capacity methodology**

The Permanent Capacity Work Group has met six times to review how the district currently calculates a schools' permanent capacity, and if a separate methodology should be developed for our new modernized schools. Areas of discussion included:

- Efficiency factors
- Restrictions on classroom capacity when a gym or cafeteria is under-sized
- Reduction for special classroom uses – art, music, and multi-purpose/maker spaces
- Minimum classroom size (square feet)

Additional topics related to permanent capacity to be discussed at a future FABPAC meeting:

- Collaboration spaces
- Special education classrooms
- Academies
- Permables – currently six elementary schools have 4 portables (8 classrooms) counted toward its permanent capacity
- Title 1 schools
- Parameters around reducing capacity when district staff or outside entities are utilizing classroom spaces.

## **7. Discuss and finalize equity white paper**

FABPAC approved the equity white paper as presented. Staff will provide the white paper to the Board of Trustees and it will also be provided to the new committee on equity for guidance.



## **8. Presentation on energy efficiency standards for new schools**

The district's Energy and Waste Manager, Richard Shearman, presented information on energy efficiency standards for new schools. Highlights of the presentation included:

- \$20M included in the 2013 Bond Program for Energy Conservation and Efficiency Improvements. To date funding has been allocated for:
  - Energy Savings Performance Contract at 12 schools (\$10M)
  - Solar PV Arrays at 8 schools (\$3.7M)
- Sustainability is built into the 2017 Bond Program for campus projects, and was not a separate item:
  - Educational Specifications – new and major building additions are built to achieve a *LEED Silver certification* under the U.S. Green Building Councils' LEED program and meet equivalent sustainability ratings of the *Austin Energy Green Building* program.
  - Project Development Manual – guides design processes, and specific equipment and materials for facilities

Questions from members:

- Are the campus architectural teams considering sustainability when planning for new schools? Yes.
- Will there be training for the maintenance team regarding new sustainability standards at new schools? Yes.

## **9. Discussion of committee operations, future meeting dates, locations and agenda items**

Future meetings:

- November 14 – Master Plan Kick-Off (Discovery Workshop) at Stantec office
- November 29 – FABPAC meeting at Bowie HS, Library
- December 13 – FABPAC meeting at Martin MS, Library

Membership:

- 13 current members (5 vacancies)
- Planning team is working with the Board Secretary to communicate vacancies to trustees

## **10. Adjourn (8:29 PM)**