



Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee

September 13, 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, Roxanne Evans, Paulette Gibbins, Dusty Harshman, Jennifer Littlefield, Cynthia McCollum, Rick Potter, Tali Wildman

Staff: Nicole Conley Johnson, Beth Wilson, Melissa Laursen, Bob Cervi, Jean Bahney, Christian Clarke Casarez, Gilbert Hicks, Michelle Cavazos, Samantha Alexander, Leandra Travino, Ali Ghilarducci

Consultants: Theo Pappas, Mark Rahe, Barry Nebhut, Lowell Tacker

Visitors: Emma Pabst, Daniel Ramirez

1. Call to Order and Overview of Meeting Goals (6:06 PM)

Tri-chair Cherylann Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM and reviewed the meeting goals.

2. Public Comment

Environment Texas advocate – Previous bond program included funding for the installation of solar panels on a number of schools. Some solar panels were added to schools, however additional funding remains. Questioned why the district does not have plans to utilize the remaining funds. Environment Texas' goal is to have solar panels on all schools by 2025 to reduce energy costs, and allow for opportunities to redirect the savings to teachers and students.

Environment Texas advocate – Discussed the benefits of implementing solar power on schools. Students could study the effects of solar as part of their academic programming—allowing students to think critically about how schools create energy.

3. Approval of Minutes

The June 14 and August 9 minutes were approved as presented.

4. Subcommittee Report Outs

- Equity – Subcommittee lead, Roxanne Evans will revise the Equity White Paper in response to feedback from the Superintendent and FABPAC members. Revisions will include the



addition of the district's definition of equity, and clarifications to various sections of the paper. There was no consensus on whether the recommendations should be ranked. One member suggested scheduled check-ins with the Board every 6 months regarding the status of the recommendations.

- Community Engagement – FABPAC were encouraged to attend Back to School Nights to promote the 2019 FMP update.
- Target Utilization Plan – Subcommittee needs to follow-up with staff regarding the status of the additional information to be added to the TUPs to identify district resources.

5. Facility Master Plan Related Items

A. Update on Academic Reinvention Projects

The following updates were provided regarding the academic reinvention projects list in the 2017 Facility Master Plan.

- A+ Federal Credit Union Partnership – Implemented at Akins HS in SY2017-18
- Career Launch Early College High Schools – Implemented at Crockett (Construction Technology), Lanier (Computer Science), Lanier (Trio Electric) LBJ (Health Careers), Reagan (Computer Science), Bowie and Travis (Swift Coding); Future programs at Anderson (Engineering), Travis (Information Technology), Eastside (Health Careers)
- Dyslexia Middle School Program – Launched at Covington Middle School in SY17-18 with 6th grade; 7th grade in SY18-19, and 8th grade in SY19-20
- Montessori Program – Launched at Winn Elementary in SY17-18; additional grade to be added SY18-19
- Fine Arts Academy Facility Enhancements– Reinvention projects scheduled at Covington, Lamar, and McCallum; funding for Blackshear was not included in the 2017 bond program
- Potential New South Magnet – Project redefined with the expansion and relocation of LASA to a more central location, scheduled for SY21-22
- Life Ready Autism Academy – Project on hold
- World Language Academy – Project on hold

B. Introduction of Master Planning Consultant

On August 27, the Board of Trustees authorized district staff to move forward with contract negotiations with Stantec for the production of master plans for athletics, CTE, and Fine Arts, and seventeen (17) campus master plans. Stantec provided core team introductions and briefly discussed the capabilities and experience of their firm. Stantec will be working closely with the FABPAC on the master plans.

C. Establish subcommittees

Members were asked to sign up for the following subcommittees and working groups:

- Community Engagement
- TUP/Equity



- Athletics Master Planning
- CTE Master Planning
- Fine Arts Master Planning
- Permanent Capacity
- Portable Reduction Strategy
- Consolidation Criteria and Process

Members discussed whether the FABPAC should be developing a process for consolidation. There was agreement that a process should be developed, but questioned whether it was in their charge. Feedback will be provided to the Superintendent.

D. Presentation on Permanent Capacity Methodology

The FABPAC was asked to review the current permanent capacity methodology in advance of the meeting. Beth Wilson (Director of Planning) explained that permanent capacity is related to utilization, which is a data point used to inform whether a school is considered under-enrolled or overcrowded. She further explained there is not an industry standard, and school districts define permanent capacity using a variety of methods. One member questioned whether a separate methodology would need to be developed for the new modernized schools. All feedback received from the members will be shared and discussed with the Permanent Capacity subcommittee.

6. Bond Implementation Related Items

A. Presentation of Menchaca ES Design

Lowell Tracker (LPA) presented the new Menchaca Elementary School design.

7. Discussion of Committee Operations, Future Meeting Dates, Locations and Agenda Items

Future meetings:

- Thursday, September 27, 6:00 PM (Martin MS, library)
- Thursday, October 11, 6:00 PM (CAC, board auditorium)

8. Adjourn (8:38 PM)