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USD 460 HESSTON | PRE-BOND | STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING NOTES FROM September 13, 2021

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Elementary School

Table 1 Comments

- Amos Street access: City led?
- Echo need to move the Latchkey/Childcare – Is this the district's responsibility?
 - Could A new kindergarten-commons somehow be also a safe room / shelter AND the Latchkey area? (then basement can be used for small group spaces)

Table 2 Comments

- Shaded outdoor learning area
- More bathroom stalls
- Storm shelter revamp
- Drainage issues west of playground

Table 3 Comments

- Safety Amos Street
- Enough bathrooms?
- Above ground tornado shelter
- ? capacity for students spaces
- Outdoor landscaping to improve the overall look

Table 4 Comments

- Front parking lot (parking, pick-up & drop-off)
- Fault line?
- Temperature – Inconsistent

Table 5 Comments

- latchkey space
- Kindergarten commons

Table 6 Comments

- Different surface for soccer field
- Accessible storm shelter
- How's the gym surface?
- Efficient and safe traffic flow? Bus traffic?
- Sprinkler system in front
- Additional classroom space
- Dedicated and accessible storage space

Zoom Comments

- Latchkey space - not in the basement
- Common space for Kindergarten

- Basement needs work – air circulation, light to be used for anything but storage.

Most Mentioned items

- More Bathrooms (2)
- Storm shelter / Latchkey (6) ? Combined consensus? Or each individual?

Middle School

Table 1 Comments

- NEW Grades 5 – 12 building
- Shared cafeteria, gyms, auditorium, shared HVAC, dining, library etc
- Still separate wings for Grades 5 – 8 classrooms and Grades 9 – 12 classrooms
- Exciting for district / community
- Build in between HMS / HHS

Table 2 Comments

- Band Room
- Locker room update
 - Showers
 - Bathroom stalls
 - Size?
 - Enough lockers?
- Stage area for more seating
- HVAC
- Outdoor shaded spaces for learning
- Playground revamp
- More bathrooms
- Lockers?
- Building layout, ceiling?
- Lighting

Table 3 Comments

- Cheaper to start over MS and HS
- Grade level common space
- Locker rooms
- Band Room – music
- Function / flow of building
- Longevity of current space
- School looks blah

Table 4 Comments

- Take stage out or redo to make space more usable
- All flooring re-done carpet / tile
- Cafeteria – is it a cafeteria?
- Locker room showers
- PE storage
- Window issues everywhere
- Grades 5 – 6 storage is limited
- Outside appearance
- Old school jungle gym

- Start over?
 - Grades K – 3 building
 - Grades 4 – 6 building
 - Grades 7 – 12 building

Table 5 Comments

- Band room / storm shelter
- Water issue and humidity issues
- Office/entry revamp

Table 6 Comments

- Front entrance
 - Parking
 - Attractiveness
 - Accessibility
 - Traffic flow
- Unused gym space
- Needs a cohesive appearance
- Gym entrance
- Commons areas
- Fine arts areas (forced to use HS facilities for performances) – bigger and more storage

Zoom Comments

- Outdoor eating space
- More playground/recreation options in and outside
- Nurse/medical space
- Refresh to whole look
- Needs updating
- No space for small groups to meet
- Add art and décor to walls of historical figures/murals with quotes
- Teacher storage room in classrooms
- Tech upgrades
- Sustainability/energy efficiency
- Security
- Private restroom vs gang style restrooms as space allows

Most Mentioned items

- New Building (3)
- Band room issues (3)
- Lockers new / remodeled (3)

High School

Table 1 Comments

- Safety – foot traffic flow
- Lighting
- Layout – design
- HVAC
- Career / Tech areas

- Technology / Infrastructure
- Sports facilities
 - Tennis
 - Track
 - Weight room
 - Locker rooms – visiting team

Table 2 Comments

- Auditorium revamp
 - Big enough for community events
 - Stage
- New build? Vs creative remodel
- Main gym bleachers
- Sound system
- Locker rooms
- Bathrooms – more stalls, etc

Table 3 Comments

- New Grades 5 – 12 building
- Is there a way to keep the current Aux Gym if you do a new building?
- Is there a way to keep the old gym?
- Update the locker rooms

Table 4 Comments

- Flow of traffic to classrooms
- Strange bathrooms
- Better lighting – LED
- Confusing to get to gyms
- Feels like you're walking into nothing with the way hallways are
- Auditorium needs a re-do – Bigger
- Does Recreation office need its' own building by pool area?
- Outdoor learning area

Table 5 Comments

- A/V space
- Pit Stop access
- Robotics room – dedicated space
- Classroom storage
- Exterior doors that seal
- Office storage
- Nurses office – moved
- Guidance office – moved
- Small group spaces
- Natural light
- Inaccessible / wasted space
- Classrooms too small
- Bathrooms
- Fine arts pod doesn't function well (need addition)

- Bleachers need to go
- Locker rooms
- HVAC / electrical
- Main entrance redone / front entrance, activities entrance
- CTE spaces built with purpose

Table 6 Comments

- Fine arts – too small (brand new auditorium?); ugly
- Bigger and more attractive locker rooms
- Weight room / community fitness area
- Renovation of athletic facilities
 - Training area
 - Concessions
 - Football field and bleachers
 - Track
 - Restrooms
 - Tennis

Zoom Comments

- Existing high school is Dysfunctional
- Possibly combining the function of both sites into a new shared facility?
- Space dedicated to leadership development/increasing cultural competency/increasing global perspective and worldview/equipping students with conflict resolution and fostering an anti-bullying culture. Offer partnerships and internships with local business, provide college prep/prioritize mental health

Most Mentioned items

- Access to Classrooms (3)
- Confusing Gym entrance hall (3)
- Tech infrastructure (2)
- Natural light / lighting (3)
- Sports facilities items, lockers, bleachers, concessions, & more (6)

Next Steps

- SPT will develop options to explore ideas for next meeting in 3-4 weeks.

END OF MEETING NOTES