

## January 5, 2022 Community Working Group Notes:

Attendance: Mark Knutson, Rob Anderson, Zack Nicklin, Liz Vedbraaten, Angie Anderson, Marcus Waterworth, Miki Augustine, Mary Weleski, Stacey Nelson, Molly Toren, Mindy Dunrud, Patti Anderson, Kayla Nelson, Craig Bakke, Jeffrey Lund, Gail and Angie Steinhauer.

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Quorum was established.

Board broke up the group attending into two groups. These groups met for discussion until 7:30 p.m.  
Take notes/summarize

### Group 1 -

- Briefly discussed concerns from previous project:
- Size of the project, concerns with replacing Newfolden Elementary Building, communication, overall costs
- All agree there are important immediate needs that we need to address and need to ensure vote passes next time around
- Viking School (High priority) first place our students/families use our building; Preschool is very important;
- Discuss one question/two question...
- Prioritize/Survey Community etc... (multiple avenues... make it convenient) (consider a high percentage that can't vote)
- New ideas: 3 year old preschool options (??)
- Walking between buildings.... (concerns)
- Coaching.... Elementary gym small, hard to hear, not enough place for parents/fans, could use a second nice gym
- Weight Room - expand our room so it fits a whole gym class/team
- No music room anymore
- Consider checking into remodel vs... replace; handicap access (?); ???? Examine tunnel cost just so public is aware it is studied
- Cost benefit analysis; explore all avenues to meet those needs to understand which one serves us best at reasonable cost
- Consider splitting projects up on ballot... so priority project get attention

### Group 2 -

- Focus on what we are looking to gain
- Academic Excellence, space, future of district,
- Individual buildings/missing need more of: space
- Library, HS, Pre K - Viking, music room, cafeteria
- Top 3 goals/what you would like to see (grouped)
- Music room NE, library, loss of prep time for teachers, gym, operational costs
- High School: large multipurpose space for tests/robotics, plays/one-act, art, bathrooms, crossing road back to elementary
- Future goals - looking at the trades (opportunities, public needs, jobs available)
- Opportunities - medical field, Ag, others potentially
- Ag teacher in Stephen-Argyle interested in expanding to other districts...

Priorities:

- By building
- Survey if agree with those priorities
- Other priorities you see or think need attention
  
- More staff input -
- Going to people vs. expecting them to come to us
- Representative group meets with teachers...
- Representative group meets with kids
- Formal communication plan...

Next meeting: January 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

In between now and then:

- Survey Teachers to gather their list of building needs/thoughts; along with help prioritizing the needs already identified. Allow some open ended opportunity to share own thoughts
  
- Start thinking through some thoughts on surveying general public (category/building)
- Start thoughts on communication plan
  
- Update Krause/Widseth and check on their availability to help especially with cost analysis/comparisons of general ideas

Meeting was ended at 8:31 p.m.