

Master Planning
April 29, 2015
4:00 pm

Members Present: Moe Hickey, Tania Knauer, Todd Hauber, Mark Parker, Sean Morgan, Bob O'Connor, Tom Van Gorder, Ember Conley, Jamie Sheetz and Lorie Pearce.

Guests: Katie Eldridge, Breanna Bonsavage

First order of business was to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2015 meeting.

Mark made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2015 meeting. Moe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Update/feedback on MP Workshop #2

This was a very high energy meeting with great participation. The next workshop meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2015. Moe would like information sent out to parents who are hearing that the building is unsafe. There seems to be some confusion with what the EPA is sharing and what parents have heard or believe. Todd said that on Monday, they will be working with the EPA to develop a message to send out to the community. Tania felt that engaging the community in a way that they could work with maps and such like they did at the last weeks meeting was very helpful.

VCBO Update on MP next steps & timeline- VCBO

Brianne with VCBO updated the committee on the next steps. Molly will be disseminating the information from the last workshop and will put together a spreadsheet to come up with one or two alternative plans for the workshop committee to give feedback and see estimated costs.

Moe would like information on the spreadsheet to indicate build time. Todd Hansen suggested tilt ups, which is buildings that are put together on the ground and then the walls are tipped up so that a building can get closed in quickly so that work can be completed on the inside during the winter months. Moe would like the county folks to be informed that we have two alternatives to build the 5-6 school. The first is Bear Hollow and the second is Ecker Hill. Ember and Tania will meet with summit county council members to inform them of the direction the district is leaning.

McPolin - school wide dual immersion- Ember

There are some conversations happening regarding MPES and how it affects master planning. There has been some discussion of expanding MPES so that they can move away from a total dual immersion program and go with two tracks. If this happens, there will be a need to shift the boundaries.

- Tom said that when the boundaries were last changed, it was to help the schools have demographics that were similar.
- Moe said there is still the fact that MPES is 60% Hispanic.
- Mark is wondering if the opportunity to expand will be helpful or not, but he does believe we need to expand it.
- Tom said the challenge will be redistricting and moving families back to MPES.
- Mark wants to know what the timeline is and what the roll out will be is it 2016-2017? Ember believes this is an administrative issue, not a Board decision. Mark feels that the most teachers want to have a building in place before the realignment happens. Ember will put timelines out, but people need to realize that things can change.

Breanna said that to build a new elementary, the timeline would be 13 or 14 months to completion. New construction building costs are \$161 per square foot. The cost for a 5-6 building would be approximately \$14M. Moe said that the Board could approve the building of a 5-6 now, because it would not have to be part of the bond.

Presentation on “How to Pass a Public Bond”- Tania/Todd

Tania feels that this maybe to early to discuss a bond. Ember, would like the group to move one way or another and offered some potential ideas/priorities:

Build 5-6 school

Expanding MPES

Portables at PCHS

- Moe is suggesting moving 5-6 to EHMS, move 7-8 to TMJH and add portables to the high school.
- Sean would like to see the committee look at two different models and then we can create a pros and cons list so that we have done our homework.
- Tom said the only pressing issue is at the elementary, where we could put portables at the elementary school for 5th grade. This would prevent teachers and students from having to move two different times.
- Model one 5-6 in TMJH and portable at PCHS. Model two 7-8 at TMJH portable at HS, and 5-6 at EHMS #. Model three, portables at elementary for 5th graders or specialists, and model four 5-6 & 7 at EHMS with portables.

Model #3 is the most favorable to the committee. Sean said we might also want to spend some time looking at the other options so that we have talking points for the public. Ember would like a couple of weeks to dig into this option before she can come back and share with the committee.

Tania is asking Sean that if after the next workshop session on May 14, if information would be ready to share with the Board at the May 19 meeting? Sean said he believes that it maybe possible but information would be very preliminary.

Update on Public Communications (Teachers, Community & Hispanic Comm)- Katie E/Ember C.

Todd thinks it is time to put together the Bond Committee now as we move forward. The timeline of information was discussed to prepare for a recommendation to the board. We will continue to do outreach to the Hispanic population

MP Website Update- Katie discussed a one stop link with organized information by topic, rather than date. Katie discussed the talking points for each week on the radio.

Upcoming Schedule

- Wed 5/6 (4-6) Steering Committee
- Thurs, 5/14 (5-8pm)- MP Committee workshop #3 (District Office)
- Wed 5/20 (4-6) Steering Committee
- Wed 5/27 (4-6) Steering Committee

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm