

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting 1 Notes September 6, 2022

Welcome & Introduction

Tim McClure, assistant superintendent of facilities, welcomed the committee and led an icebreaker to get to know committee members. He reminded all committee members to sit toward the front of the room at all meetings and shared that district resources and liaisons will be seated at the back and are available as needed.

He introduced school board President Dr. Anne Davis-Simpson, who was in attendance, and acknowledged the other Board of Trustees. On behalf of Superintendent Dr. David Hicks, he apologized that Dr. Hicks could not attend because he is not feeling well.

Mission, Vision, Goals & Committee Charge

McClure shared the district's mission, vision, strategic goals and talked about the committee's make-up and charge. The committee is charged to prioritize the district's current and long-term facility needs and bring a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

About NISD

- Close to 30,000 students
- 31 campuses
- Three counties: Denton, Tarrant and Wise
- 14 communities
- There is a large area of the district that is in the City of Fort Worth's ETJ (extra territorial jurisdiction)

Bond History

McClure shared NISD's bond history and how the community has a long history of supporting bonds.

School Sites

McClure showed a map of school sites within NISD's boundaries.

Current Schools

- 20 Elementary
- 6 Middle
- 4 High

Future School Sites

- 3 Elementary
- 3 Middle
- 4 High School

Current Enrollment

- 29,144 students
- This is up from 14,164 in 2012.

Keeping Up with the Growth

- McClure showed a timelapse view of GoogleEarth that shows the growth from 1990 to 2020.
- NISD currently has approximately 5,400,000 square feet of facilities.
- He talked about the current model and feeder pattern model
 - 6 elementary schools with capacity of 850
 - 2 middle schools with capacity of 1,200
 - 1 high school with capacity of 3,200-3,400
- The community can follow along with construction updates at nisdtxconstruction.org
- Bond Timeline since 2019:
 - 2019: NISD planning for May 2020 bond
 - May 2020: bond election canceled due to COVID
 - Nov. 2020: bond election failed
 - May 2021: all but one proposition passed
 - We lost a year on the front end due to postponing the election and failing in November 2020.
 - With rising construction costs, the May 2021 bond funds will be used by 2024.
 - He shared a forecasting timeline
- NISD adds about 2,500 new students each year

TOUR

The committee members toured the Legacy Learning Center and saw Special Programs, professional development spaces, as well as the RISE and Horizon special education programs.

Safety & Security

Director of Safety & Security Mike Conklin explained many ways that NISD has planned ahead for safety and security measures. Initiatives include:

- District standardized door vision kit coverings for all doors and spaces
- Standardization of stop-the-bleed kits and cabinets
- Radio replacements and accessories (batteries)
- Wave On Cloud Technologies for communications and LTE support for responder staff
- License Plate cameras
- Orchestrate and Ally Modules
- Radio Wave and devices
- Traffic control devices
- RMS - parking management
- Call Center EOC technologies and backup systems
- Weapons detection upgrades for NISD Stadium

Committee Member Questions:

- Do all of these projects need to be in a bond?
- Have we looked at facial recognition technology for students to have access to the school?
- Are we looking at detection systems (like vape detection) for restrooms?
- Is there an increase in our budget for additional SROs?

Reflection

Committee members were asked to reflect on the overall process of the LRPC and to answer several questions.

Table discussions included:

- How do we keep students safe outside of school? (Jonesboro, Arkansas, school shooting example)
- How do we keep our campuses welcoming and inviting while maintaining the safe “locked down” campuses?
- How do we ensure equity in the process and across our campuses?

- We need to be advocates for this process and to be knowledgeable and asking questions about things we don't know about.
- Make sure the decisions we make now are very mindful of how many years our decisions will set precedent.
- We need to understand the volume that Northwest is going to grow and how to get the bonds passed.
- How do we get more people involved in this process and get more people engaged in this committee?

McClure closed the meeting sharing with committee members that he hopes everyone feels proud of their work on this committee and will want to get out and communicate information about the bond. The committee process will be very transparent and all meeting materials will be posted at nisdtxlrpc.org.

Committee members were asked to reflect on the following questions. Their written responses are included below:

- What is the most important thing you will do as a member of this committee?
listen
- What do you need for this process to be successful? Current info
- What unique strength, skill set, resources or perspective will you add to the process? Speak mind, honesty, transparency, cross representation
- What one question do you have about the process? VATRE ballot language, quantity of schools, new growth

Another committee member asked if NISD would contend with another VATRE during a bond election. By law, VATREs can only be held in November and NISD is planning for a May 2023 bond election.

There are 92 committee members on the list but only about 30 in attendance tonight. There were 27 liaisons seated in the back.

The timeline to a May 2023 bond includes committee meetings now through January with a recommendation to the Board of Trustees on January 23. The deadline to call a May election is in February.

McClure thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.