

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting 4 Notes October 18, 2022

Welcome & Meeting 3 Recap

Tim McClure, assistant superintendent for facilities, welcomed the committee and provided a recap of Meeting #3, reminding the committee of the technology needs, early childhood needs, and construction market challenges shared at the last meeting.

Prioritization Factors

McClure shared the results of the activity from Meeting 3 and how each factor scored based on the dot ranking. He explained how it would be used in the future to prioritize projects.

- Small Group Share Out
- Group 1:
 - Benefit of Students - 35
 - Urgency of Need - 35
 - Value - 20
 - Community Support - 10
- Group 2: no changes to what was proposed
 - Benefit of Students - 40
 - Urgency of Need - 25
 - Value - 20
 - Community Support - 15
- Group 3:
 - Benefit of Students - 40
 - Urgency of Need - 30
 - Value - 15
 - Community Support - 15
- Group 4: no changes to what was proposed
 - Benefit of Students - 40
 - Urgency of Need - 25
 - Value - 20
 - Community Support - 15

- Group 5:
 - Benefit of Students - 40
 - Urgency of Need - 30
 - Value - 15
 - Community Support - 15
- Group 6:
 - Benefit of Students - 40
 - Urgency of Need - 30
 - Value - 20
 - Community Support - 10
- Group 7:
 - Benefit of Students - 40
 - Urgency of Need - 30
 - Value - 20
 - Community Support - 10
- Group 8:
 - Benefit of Students - 40
 - Urgency of Need - 35
 - Value - 15
 - Community Support - 10

Fine Arts

Kevin Lacefield, Ed.D., executive director of fine arts, shared an overview of the program, including the fact that 76% of secondary students are enrolled in one or more fine arts classes. There are 12,051 students enrolled in fine arts. There are several showcase opportunities for NISD students and an all-district musical, drill team, and color guard. NISD students have won lots of awards, and is regularly named a top community for music education.

Dr. Lacefield presented several projects for the committee to consider:

- A Visual and Performing Arts/Event Center
 - Choir concerts
 - Musicals
 - Dance showcase
 - Cluster concerts
 - Full orchestra events
 - These events can't currently take place in NISD because of space constraints and the number of students who participate.

- An example: Adams MS choir is renting a facility in Fort Worth to hold a concert that can accommodate all of the students and their parents.
- Convocation
- Increase seating capacity of high school auditoriums
 - Auditoriums are not sized for current student enrollment and 6A high schools and spectators
 - Increase from 800 to 1200
 - Fire marshals have shut down events because of capacity in the past
- Middle School Art and Dance Room Additions
 - Most middle schools now have 3 art teachers because of the number of students but we only have 2 art classrooms.
- Kiln and Kiln Room Addition at Steele Accelerated High School
 - Bring up to district standard
- Stage Lighting, Sound, Rigging Upgrades at Steele Accelerated High School
 - Bring up to district standard
- Upgrade/Replace Kilns
- Elementary Choral Risers
- Byron Nelson Art Room (add 6th room) - would bring BNHS to district standard
- Replacement of sound system
- Extend concrete at high school band practice area
- Replace NHS asphalt band practice field with concrete
- Byron Nelson Performing Arts Center Upgrades including seats, LED digital lights, etc.

Athletics

Joel Johnson, executive director of athletics, shared that he agrees with Dr. Lacefield's recommendation for a special event center. It could be used for basketball, volleyball, wrestling, and more.

There are nearly 5,500 NISD students who participate in athletics. He shared the successes at each high school in the past year and talked about fall sports and the successes they're currently having. He also spoke about the district's PE programs and community events that raise money for various causes throughout the year.

Johnson presented several projects for the committee to consider:

- Home Stadium Sites at BNHS and EHS (approximately 7,500 capacity, as an estimate - similar to Braswell HS in Denton ISD)
 - Advantages:

- Home Events mean no travel
 - Eaton varsity football brings 7 buses, band brings 6 buses
 - Campuses would have more control over their own schedule
 - Playing at home truly means playing at home
- Athletic Ticket Booths
- Concession Stand with Restrooms at BNHS (for soccer and football)
- Cover Batting Cages
- Concession Stand for Baseball and Softball at EHS
- Replace Carpet and HVAC Systems @ NISD Stadium
- Renovate Texan Stadium
 - 2 middle school football games a week
 - Youth football practices every night during the season and plays every week
 - 9th and JV football games
 - Host 12 track meets a year
- LED Lights @ NISD Stadium (original lights from 2005)
- Replace Turf @ Wilson MS & NHS Competition Field
- Enlarge Gymnasiums at BNHS and EHS - take capacity to 3,200 spectators
- Additional Bleachers @ CTMS and All Softball/Baseball Facilities
- Additional Bleachers at BNHS and EHS at field, IF home stadiums aren't built
- Enlarge or Construct larger wrestling room at BNHS
- Addition of Concession Stand and Restrooms at CTMS (this is the only middle school where football games are played)

Tour

Committee members toured CTMS.

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Kelley Broughton, director of CTE, shared that there are 23 different CTE programs (7 academies and 16 programs) on NISD campuses. Nearly 80% of all high school students participate in CTE, and over 90% of middle school students. Last year, students earned more than 4,000 certifications. Students are gaining experience in enterprises and winning awards in many areas.

Broughton presented several projects for the committee to consider:

- Paint Booths at Eaton & BNHS
 - Used for 2 CTE programs: metal fab shop & FFA projects

- BNHS and EHS currently must transport materials with trailers & forklift to NHS to paint
- Kelly Box Ag Center
 - Addition of 10 commercial steer pens
 - Addition of sprinkler systems over area to reduce dust for safety and maintenance
- NHS Greenhouse Replacement
 - Built in 2006 and requires major maintenance
 - Hundreds of students use that facility each year
- BNHS Greenhouse Maintenance
 - Built in 2009. Needs shades, storage and some minor maintenance items.
- ENHS & BNHS Welding Shops
 - Increase exterior instructional space for shop and projects with large covered area
 - Students are limited on the types and sizes of projects they can work on at these campuses
- Second Ag Center Facility
 - Addition of 4th High School = Addition of Ag Center
 - Offices, classrooms, arena, animal barns, exterior pens
 - Capacity at current facility can support two campuses efficiently
 - Needs to be within 15 minutes of the two campuses it serves
- Middle School Family Consumer Science Kitchens
 - Appliance/furniture updates to Wilson and Tidwell
- CTE Computer Lab Furniture
 - Updating older labs with new standard of computer tables instead of student desks for workspace needs
- Creative Media Production Academy & Pathways
 - NHSTV: bond refresh of equipment (video server, studio lighting, studio camera)
 - BNHS and EHS: studio lighting and camera replacement

Transportation

Bobby Aucoin, executive director of outsourced operations, presented information about NISD's transportation services. Last year, buses traveled 2.6 million miles and averaged 15,000 miles per day across the fleet. There are 161 routes which transport about 15,000 students twice a day. NISD has owned its buses since 2018. Aucoin shared that a school bus average lifecycle is 10-12 years based on mileage. NISD recommends approximately

15 replacement buses each year, and adding about 10-12 buses for growth each year. School buses cost an average of \$126,000 each.

Aucoin presented the following projects for the committee to consider:

- 15 replacement buses per year
- 10-12 new buses for growth per year
- Smart Tag ridership solutions for all buses
- Mesh WiFi at all transportation yard locations
- Replacement of the Central Campus Transportation Facility

Closing

McClure reviewed the prioritization factors ranking from earlier in the evening.

Consensus was:

- Benefit to Students: 40%
- Urgency/Need: 30%
- Value: 20%
- Community Support: 10%

McClure thanked everyone, encouraged committee members to talk with friends and neighbors about our discussions, and closed the meeting.