



MEETING 4 MINUTES

Meeting 4: Wednesday, November 17, 5:30 p.m., Keenan Elementary School

1. Review Task Force Charge

- Reviewed the Task Force's official charge, emphasizing the importance to consider the educational needs of **all students** as the Task Force begins to make decisions.

2. Recap Meeting 3

- Reviewed three bond amount scenarios
- Reviewed group discussion notes from the small group rotations

3. Consensus items from Meeting 3

- 94.6% of task force members agreed that the Lake Creek High School Expansion is a need.
- 89.2% consensus on New Elementary #7
- 86.5% consensus on land acquisition
- The Task Force agreed that these items have consensus.

4. Additional Information/Continued Discussions

- The CTE Center and Ag Barn were identified by the Task Force to need additional information and discussion.

5. CTE Facility Options

Reviewed programs that would potentially be in a centralized CTE facility versus programs that would still stay at their home high school campus. Three options for a CTE facility were presented along with potential pros and cons.

Option 1: Central CTE Facility. Comments from meeting 3 was that the ESC site wouldn't allow for future expansion and not the best location long-term. Site to be determined, centrally located, this cost does not include cost for land. Reviewed pros and cons including a positive that it is more cost effective to build and operate, but negative is that students would have to travel.

Option 2: Two Identical CTE additions at Each High School

Option 3: CTE Renovations at Each HS with Different Offerings

Project Discussion:

- Group 1: Central CTE; opportunities for more students, lower operational costs
- Group 2: Central CTE; important to educate community on what CTE is and importance of industry training in current economy
- Group 3: Central CTE; bring unity to the high schools, won't negatively impact operational costs
- Group 4: Central CTE; important to keep things equitable as we grow
- Group 5: Majority Central CTE; but strong concern around transportation; don't like option 3
- Group 6: Central CTE; best option for when we would have to add a third high school
- Group 7: Central CTE; cost for land?
 - Q: Would ESC be sold?
 - A: We think it will stay as ESC.

Consensus for a Central CTE was met.

6. Ag Science Center Options

Reviewed two options for Ag Science Center/Ag Barns. A centralized facility which would include a wing for each high school. Second option would be an Ag Barn at each high school.

Project Discussion:

- Group 1: Central Ag; if its centralized, I want it to be state-of-the-art, include a show arena where we can host other districts, if it's on the same site as central CTE that is positive for land use
- Group 2: Split; biggest issue is transportation, don't want additional burden on the parent; could potentially take opportunity away from child who can't get there
- Group 3: Central Ag; if students from both high schools can come together for CTE then they can come together for Ag; why do we need separate wings?
- Group 4: Undecided, more positives for Central Ag
- Group 5: Central Ag; be consistent with CTE and have one better facility
- Group 6: Separate Ag at each HS; easily accessible to students
- Group 7: Separate Ag at each HS; convenience of being close is very important
- Questions/comments:
 - What about when we grow and add high schools? We will have to add ag barns.

Groups were split and this project will be revisited next meeting.

7. Operations & Technology

- New buses – reviewed the pros, cons and impacts
- Transportation projects – plan would be to keep and improve both transportation centers
 - Q: What about a maintenance facility? That is what we need.
A: We could look at adding some additional space.
 - Q: Is there room to add space at either?
A: There is room at Lone Star.
- Technology
 - i. Q: Is there a plan to address devices?
A: Not using bond funds.
 - ii. Q: Is there something else we can call it since most people will think of devices?
A: We'll work on coming up with some better wording.
- Safety and Security
 - i. Comment: If not included, the risk goes up, and property damage goes up.

Project Discussion:

- Group 1: All four of these items must be included, operating budget doesn't allow for these things to be addressed and they are important.
- Group 2: Full consensus that all need to be included
- Group 3: Same
- Group 4: Same
- Group 5: Same; all four need to be addressed. We do think we need to better define these things, especially for educating voters. Could consider finding a third-party partner on transportation. Disappointed that devices are not included.
- Group 6: Agree that all are a necessity; want to make sure we aren't being too conservative on bus purchases.
- Group 7: Agree on all; think transportation facilities should each have their own maintenance facility.
 - Q: Are GPS trackers part of the buses? Would be a good thing to sell it.
A: Yes, it would be a part of this.

Consensus was met that all Operations & Technology items should be included.

8. Athletics

- Q: Why do we need to expand the stadium?
A: We've had capacity issues and games sold out and with growth, we have more spectators, and larger drill teams and bands.
- Q: Why do we need to replace the turf at the stadium?
A: It is six years old and the lifecycle is 9-10 years, therefore it will need to be replaced by the end of this bond program.
- Q: Does "restrooms" include making the locker rooms team-neutral?
A: Yes

Project Discussion:

- Group 1: Support the projects but believe the price of turf is too high.
- Group 2: We don't think it's the right time to include athletics. It has to be a separate ballot item. We feel like it takes away from the priority of the other projects.
- Group 3: We support it.
- Group 4: We don't think it's the right time either. Maybe break it down and address critical things like the elevator in the press box. But its more important to address transportation and other things. Doesn't contribute to our goals.
- Group 5: We support these projects. We don't think \$12m is very much out of the whole scope. Lake Creek is one of the only schools in the area without covered batting cages. And football is 11-0, they deserve for their turf to be replaced in a few years.

Groups were split and the athletic projects will be prioritized next meeting.

9. Revisit Consensus

- In meeting 1 the Task Force landed somewhere between 2/3rds and 75%. We will need to define next meeting.

10. Final Questions and Thoughts?

- Q: We haven't discussed what we can support financially operationally.
A: Based on the current direction of the task force, notably choosing to do one Central CTE facility, we feel like what you will recommend is fiscally sound.
- Q: What about Fine Arts?
A: We believe some of items could be addressed with our Comparability project which we will discuss in more detail next meeting.
- Q: What about additional land?
A: We will add this to the agenda for next meeting.

11. Campus Tour

- The meeting concluded with a tour of Keenan Elementary.