



FACTS Committee Meeting 7

February 10, 2015

MINUTES

- The WISD FACTS Committee met on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 in the Weatherford ISD District Services Building Boardroom. Leo Neely and Amy Crippen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- In attendance:
 - FACTS Committee members present: Emma Beard, Amy Bonnett, Linda Bourland, Lisa Coleman, Amy Crippen, Carrie Ellis, Brad Goss, Dr. Zane Kemp, Brian Lixey, Kelley Long, Frank Martin, Leo Neely, Prissy Neely, Ramalou Prince, Zan Prince, Michele Snow, James Tate, Courtney Taylor, John Thielepape, Clif Tramel, Amy White, Lorri Williams, and Trey Woodard.
 - WISD Board of Trustees members present: Tiffany Branson, Ashley Conlon, and Dr. Joshua Tarbay
 - WISD staff members present: Chuck Graham, Dr. Jeffrey Hanks, Charlotte LaGrone, Danny Miller, Kathy Ray, and Tracy Ray.
 - Huckabee: Alan Albers, Jennifer Brown, Tim McClure, and Paul Thompson
- Amy Crippen, FACTS Committee co-chair, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.
- Review of questions from FACTS Committee Meeting #6
 - Tim McClure handed out the anticipated cost savings associated with replacing HVAC units and lighting systems (Tier 1 – 2b).
- Tim McClure reviewed:
 - The charge of the FACTS Committee
 - Guiding principles
 - The process
 - Information reviewed by FACTS Committee
 - District-wide Facility Assessment
 - Demographic Study
 - District Financial Information
 - Community Opinion Survey
 - FACTS Committee Recommendations
 - Grade Realignment
 - Long Range Facility Needs
 - FACTS Committee Priorities
 - Tier 1, Tier 2a and 2b (includes heating and air conditioning)
\$30,200,000
 - To accommodate grades 6-8, construct a new Hall Middle School and addition to Tison Middle School
\$45,800,000
 - Ninth grade addition to Weatherford High School
\$14,600,000
 - Controlled Entry Vestibules
\$8,600,000

- Comment: Explain the cost for \$8.6 M for controlled entry vestibules. When we say we need to protect the children, we need to be able to move forward with something that is good for district and the community will support. (Zan Prince)
Answer: When we add controlled entry vestibules to campuses in some cases, we may also need to include some code/compliance issues. For example, at Curtis Elementary the cost of adding a controlled entry vestibule is approximately \$2 M because we would need to add an ADA accessible entry to the front of the building.
- Comment: We have to show that we are being good stewards of taxpayer dollars. I think voters will understand the need to take care of the buildings we have, and they'll understand moving 6th grade to middle school and 9th grade to WHS. We need to pass the bond. Everyone wants a safe environment for our children, but we have to present this at a cost the community will accept. (Zan Prince)
- Comment: I have another scenario that we could consider. We could move students from Hall Middle School to the Ninth Grade Center instead of building a new Hall Middle School. That would save \$10M.
- Comment: That was a scenario we looked at. (Amy Bonnett)
- Comment: We don't need to put grades 6-8 on S. Main but we do need a plan for the use of the Ninth Grade Center. (Zan Prince)
- Comment: We could possibly sell Travis and Bowie. (Amy White)
- Comment: Our community wants to know why you want to increase taxes and how you're going to spend their dollars. (Zan Prince)
- Comment: The community members I've talked to are thankful that we are listening to them and that we're under \$100 M. (Amy White)
- Comment: We would be at \$91 M without controlled entry vestibules. (Zan Prince)
- Comment: The bottom line is that we're asking for money from our community for our kids. (Emma Beard)
- Comment: Every dollar we ask for is for the promotion of education and for our kids. Secure vestibules won't protect students and staff from every scenario. (Zan Prince)
- Comment: It's not about active shooter scenarios. Controlled entry vestibules prevent people from entering a building and walking down any hall. Visitors would have to check in at the office before gaining access to the rest of the building. (Amy Crippen)
- Comment: When we toured the high school, a former student entered the building without stopping at the front desk. (Emma Beard)
- Comment: When I talk to people in the community, the first thing they ask about is security. Controlled entry vestibules would prevent classroom interruptions.
- Comment: I can't tell you how many times during the day I have to escort people back to office because they have no name tag. The office can't monitor everyone that comes in the way it's set up now. (Courtney Taylor)
- Comment: Should we consider offering controlled entry vestibules as a separate proposition? (Clif Tramel)
- Comment: We need one proposal that we can all support. The costs associated with vestibules include things other than entries. Vestibules may give people a false sense of security. (Brian Lixey)
- Question: Can we vote on whether or not we recommend vestibules? (Zan Prince)
- Question: Can we also reaffirm that the priorities? (Frank Martin)
- **Call to Action:** Call for vote to affirm first 3 priorities from last week:
 - Tier 1 and 2
 - Move 6th grade to middle school: New Hall Middle School, addition to Tison

- Move 9th grade to WHS: 9th grade addition to WHS
 - Vote results = Majority in favor of these priorities. Consensus reached.
- Comment: I understand our process for reaching consensus, but it needs to be stated that FACTS Committee was not unanimous in their support of these priorities. (Frank Martin)
- **Call to Action:** Call for vote in favor of controlled entry vestibules
 - Vote results = Majority in favor of these priorities. Consensus reached.
- Comment: Include the cost savings of building a new Hall Middle School vs. renovating; we could also add the longevity associated with renovating or building new. (Brian Lixey)
- Comment: The FACTS Committee needs to be present at Thursday's school board meeting to show support of our decisions. (Brian Lixey)
- Comment: Our commitment doesn't stop Thursday night. We need to support school board with whatever decision they make. We all know something has to be done. We need to support thru May. (Amy Bonnett)
- Comment: Leo Neely, Amy Crippen, and Amy Bonnett were thanked for their leadership. (Zan Prince)
- Comment: Huckabee was thanked for their support. (Clif Tramel)
- Comment: The FACTS Committee was thanked for their dedication and work to make some decisions that take into account our facility and growth needs balanced with the feedback from our community. (Dr. Jeffrey Hanks)
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.