

Workshop Summary



Architecture Planning Interiors

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In attendance: Jim Golden, Russ Allen, Tonja Everest, Greg Roe, Pat Eastman, Mike Sykes, Shane Wooten, Scott Casebolt, Douglas Hambley, Dileep Nageswaran, Ben Mundie, Heath Kasper, Shane Wooten, Russ Williams, Pat Eastman, Scott Wehrman, Chad Kerlegan, Sue McGory, Rick Costain, Susie Osborn, Lisa Johnson & Karen Montovino, Erika McClain, DLR Group

Topics: Karen with a quick update and recap of where the DFAC is in the Process

Stuart Welsh presented an argument for two new Auditoriums. His presentation highlighted the needs for the music program, discussing the number of performances verses how many days we have at facilities. Showed the number of days on stage + number of students using the facility to show the need for an additional auditorium for the community. He also talked about the real world skills provided from the Tech theater program.

DFAC questioned the cost of theater equipment. Mr. Welsh explained that there is an additional cost for building the new facility but there is an argument that those costs will be contained with reusing equipment and looking at the long life span of theater equipment.

Presentation from Superintendent Jim Golden:

He Asked the DFAC to think about 10 years down the line. What kind of spaces will be needed then? Think about what you want to make the community better. Dream about what kids will need in the future. Don't be afraid to Dream and Aspire. Build for the future.

Group Discussion Exercise: Base Facility Plan Framework and Options

The DFAC broke into three discussion groups to look at the big picture of the needs of GAPS and narrow down the DFAC recommendation. Each table group was given colored cards that had groupings of scope and the general parameters of bonds and asked to prioritize.

Each table took the menu of options and ordered the ones they thought most critical to be incorporated in the facilities plan, balancing the needs for the future of GAPS plus what they thought palatable to the Greater Albany voter base.

Russ Allen reminded the committee that the possible big ticket items were the auditorium, new gym at the HS, Stem at MS & HS, replacement of Clover Ridge Elem., replacement of Oak Grove Elem., need for new separation of gym and cafeteria in the elem. schools, and the phased replacement of West Albany.

Groups struggled at times with what point to start at and separate what is physical plan vs teacher mode. Some discussed the need to bring Albany up to the state standard but acknowledged the difficulty in getting a 200 million bond passed. Some felt that there was not enough info to make an intelligent decision. There was also discussion about consolidating some elementary schools to lower overhead. Some people were afraid to throw money at schools that shouldn't have money thrown at it.

Tonja posed questions about the community's tolerance for a bond, being safe verses bigger picture and commented that there may be a tolerance to a \$110 million dollar bond.

Mike Sykes thought that we could push for a \$150 million bond if it sold correctly but questioned the accuracy of some of the project dollar amounts.

Each group then reported out their priorities :

Table Groups Summary Notes:

Group 1

Prioritized the needs of GAPS as follows:

1. Base
2. HS Wing/ Phase replacement of West Albany High & South Albany culinary arts/flex space
3. Elementary classrooms – replacement (not time to talk closing beloved neighborhood schools)
4. STEM renovation at high school and middle schools
5. Separate cafeteria and gym in elementary schools

Bond Recommendation:

\$85 million with a separate bond for the Auditorium. Gyms were low priority. Need to track perception of expenses and how they are dispersed in the areas of town. South side of town feels like what was spend was not fair, specific to the high school.

Group 2

Prioritized the needs of GAPS as follows:

1. Base
2. Elementary replacement of Clover Ridge
3. HS wing replacement at West Albany combined with cafeteria and flex instruction space
4. Separate cafeteria and gym in the elementary schools.
5. HS & MS STEM renovations, MS food science updates

Bond Recommendation:

They had a strong discussion about putting the auditorium in as a separate bond to give the community a shot at passing the bond with a push for partial outside funding to help build it.
Size of bond for GAPS would be \$90 – 95million but the public may only be willing to go to \$80 million

Group 3

Prioritized the needs of GAPS as follows:

1. Warm Safe Drive
2. Middle school STEM & Food Science updates
3. HS STEM renovations
4. Elementary replacement (get rid of some and replace the other consolidating schools)
5. West Albany High School wing – half replacement instead of 1/3
6. Educational improvements (audio enhancement, flexible furniture)
7. These we think the public needs to be surveyed:
 - Gym – if the community thinks we need it
 - Culinary Classrooms
 - High School Gyms

Bond Recommendation: \$100 to \$110

Wrap up and Next Steps

Dec. 8th--Last Workshop—Confirmation of Draft Facilities Plan and refinement

Jan. 11th--First Read of Recommended Facilities Plan to School Board

Jan. 25th--DFAC Recommended Facilities Plan Presentation to School Board for anticipated acceptance of committee work

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