

Dry Creek Facilities FAQ (Answers Provided by Supt. Marty Brewer)

6th Grade/Stevens

Q: Middle school to Roosevelt?

A: *Moving the middle school to Roosevelt does not solve our need for new or modernized facilities. The 500 students that are currently at Roosevelt would be displaced, and the elementary schools do not have the extra room to hold them. Also, Roosevelt is similar size to Stevens, and does not have capacity for grades 6-8 without modernization or a new building.*

Q: I like moving 6th grade to SMS. Why not use Fairview as a 6th or 9th grade campus?

A: *This would not be a feasible solution. The increased operational costs, around \$500,000, would be prohibitive. Having students attend a different school for one grade would create a lot of transition for students. It would create more bus routes as well. Also, the most students that Fairview housed, including two portables, was 220, and those portables are no longer there. We are planning for capacity for grade levels to be around 300.*

Q: Why not revamp Roosevelt instead of Stevens?

A: *Looking at facilities data on Roosevelt and Stevens Middle School---Stevens is in far worse condition. The 500 students that are currently at Roosevelt would be displaced, and the elementary schools do not have the extra room to hold them. Also, Roosevelt is similar size to Stevens, and does not have capacity for 6-8 without modernization or a new building.*

Ball Fields at Monroe

Q: I don't understand why we are using much needed capital funds to make sports fields over school building improvements? It doesn't make sense!

A: *Agreed. We have building needs. However, I also believe we must start somewhere. We need to spark momentum of capital improvement. The community will see the value. The community needs to get excited and will want to invest more. We need to start something---we can't sit and wait for a levy/bond to pass.*

Other Ideas

Q: What about rezoning schools to focus on equity of demographics?

A: *Yes, this is on my list of goals for next school year.*

Q: Lincoln Center should be a much-needed middle school campus. Why is this not an option?

A: *Lincoln Center is landlocked, meaning we don't have appropriate space to build additional facilities like a lunch room, gym, classes, outdoor space. The Lincoln center is 29,600 square feet. Stevens currently is 67,345 and needs 4*

portables to house the students. With the grade level addition of 42,200 square feet, it will be 109, 545 square feet.

Q: Addressing commonly held misuse of funds beliefs would empower our staff to dispel these rumors: TOSA's unnecessary?

A: TOSAs are necessary to carry out the current professional development for our staff. These positions are funded with categorical dollars from Title, LAP.

Q: Did admin. Really take such a large raise? Is it not comparable to other regional admin?

A: The state confirmed a 3.1% COLA. This was intended to pass through to all staff. Admin received the lowest salary increase percentage among the seven bargaining groups. The bargaining group raises were as follows: Teachers 9.1%, Paras 4.1%, Office Professionals 4.1%, Teamsters 4.1%, PSE 4.1%, Non-Represented Staff 4.1%, Athletic Coaches 4.1% and Admin 3.1%.

Q: Where is the money coming from if the levy didn't pass? Doesn't seem the selling of property would equal what is needed?

A: Correct, but we hope to sell some land and lease classroom/office space to generate revenue to reinvest back into the maintenance needs of our schools. For renovating or building new schools we have to pass a levy or bond.

Q: We are in need of community trust repair to get a new levy to pass. What is the plan to do this in order to gain the money from our community?

A: Currently we are demonstrating transparency to increase community support.

CSB to Lincoln

Q: Can we use extra CSB space to give extra space for our challenging kids? Extend our BD program in smaller grade segments?

A: With regards to the Lincoln Center, all options are currently on the table.

High School

Q: Why can't the High School be second for reconstruction after Stevens? Can renovations be made to fix "big" issues or is a new elementary more important?

A: We are continuing to discuss this concept. We need new or modernized facilities at all three levels.