

Long-Range Facilities Task Force 2013

Minutes Long-Range Facilities Task Force

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Meeting was held at the North Olympic Peninsula Skills Center, November 19, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dr. Jane Pryne facilitated the meeting.

Members in Attendance:

Bob Anderson, Jay Averill, Bernie Brabant, T. Scott Brandon, Barry Burnett, Amity Butler, Garry Cameron, Ron Craig, Kyle Cronk, Cindy Crumb, Nolan Duce, Bill Feeley, Ron Garcelon, Gary Gleason, Mark Hannah, Michele Haworth, Mary Hebert, Bill Helwick, Ron Jones, Jon Keyword, Sue Lindley, Chuck Lisk, Ted Mattie, Mike McCarty, Lisa McCoy, Tabatha Meadows, Steve Methner, Sheila Roark-Miller, Joyce Mininger, Leslie Mraz, Jerry Nichols, Stacey Nickerson, Michelle Olsen, Janet Parker, Steve Pazan, Kelly Pearson, Laura Price, Gary Pringle, Jane Pryne, Karen Ross, Theresa Rothweiler, Stacey Sanders, Tina Smith-O'Hara, Scott Soule, Judy Thomas, Mary Ann Unger, Tracy Walker, Kate Wenzl, Jane Wise, Jami Wood, Steve Zenovic

Members Absent:

Quint Boe, Dani LaBlond, Cheri LeFevre, Andrew May, Cara McGuire, Byron Olson, Catie Tesreau, Nathan West, Darryl Wolfe

Call to Order/Welcome:

Dr. Pryne brought the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. extending thanks to the task force for being present. Dr. Pryne reviewed the agenda:

- Review/discuss: Guiding Principles, Decision Making Threshold and Infrastructure and Program Sheets

Decision-Making Threshold

Per the Task Force meeting minutes March 19, we will need 60% of those in attendance tonight and that have been in attendance for the discussions to make our decision. Dr. Pryne, Mary Ann Unger and Marsha McKay are not voting members.

Table Discussions

- The task force held a discussion with their immediate table group, then turned to the table behind them and discussed their thoughts/ideas. The task force then shared as a whole group what they recommend:
- Recommend the Guiding Principal change to read, "Success is #1 priority" which better describes our goal rather than using the word achievement.
 - Group Discussion Notes
 - Need new High School
 - Start with Child's education at the beginning...
 - Tight Space – have middle school and high school on same campus
- PreK-8 in several buildings; 5th grade back in middle school, high school first.
- 9-12 Most Important
- 3 Pre-K – 6, 7-8, 9-12 Buildings

- Concerned changes we might make could ultimately affect the high school bond. Keep in mind that if we have two recommendations going forward they might get muddled.
- Same campus middle school and high school – we don't have enough sports/field space.
- We have not approached the property owners in front of the high school to possibly secure more property for sports field space.
 - High School is where we want to start
 - High School – 9-12 most important
 - Leaning to 3 Pre-K thru 6
 - Changes made may affect High School Bond
 - 3 Elementary Schools easier to share resources and equipment
 - We want a strong Science Program
- Orchestra share equipment better; counselors – cut travel time. Would like a larger Science program.
 - Tasks: 1. Upgrade Facilities 2. Configuration of Schools/Program Infrastructure
- All configurations have 9-12 in them.
- Banding – presented same time as wanting a new high school – voters may not support the bond.
- Give facilities recommendation today – hold off a programming decision until after the bond is passed.
 - Give a facilities recommendation today – pass the bond for the high school. Do the programs with the next one – after further study.
- How many elementary buildings are we talking about?
- Supports the 9-12 for the high school.
- Build the building – don't get into the design pieces. A separate bond for additional projects.
- 3 Elementary Schools rather than 5
 - Tabling programs
- Take vote on High School first - then decide if we are going to add additional recommendation along with it for programs.
 - Bond for High School
 - High School Priority – Meets our long term plan.
 - Follow up with Programs and Infrastructure
 - Vote on High School first with an additional recommendation on infrastructure later.
 - Middle School Remodel Recommendation first as opposed to the high school.
- Start with Middle School instead of High School – 6, 7, & 8 Middle School first and then space for high school build or rebuild.
 - 9-12 Consistent
- Start with the high school
 - Table Infrastructure Vote
 - Keep Task Force in place to revisit with grouping/configurations and help with the efforts to get the bond passed.

Clarification regarding two bonds: Unrealistic to run a bond for a high school and then expect the public a year or two years later to run another bond. There is a tolerance level. What is the tolerance of people regarding multiple bonds?

High School bond – but not a second bond. Recommendation – Pass the bond for the high school – 5-10 years for a second bond regarding programs.

Major sell just to do the High School Bond.

Important to convey to the public what they are going to get. They will be willing.

Build the story – build the community around the story. Across the district we have facilities that need to be updated. Update facilities over time. We have delayed due to economics the upgrade of our infrastructure. High School is the beginning of the story and the great need in our other buildings in the end of the story. We cannot wait 30 more years. Our newest buildings are ten and twenty years old.

A new high school provides opportunity for community events – bring new people to our area – local hotels. The high school is a focal point for our community.

We want the community to know our schools are functioning and we need to convey the reasoning why we want the new and remodel.

This committee can look into the programming – once we know step 1 and we can get into what the next steps will be 2, 3, etc. The funding formula may need to be different. This needs to be part of the story.

If we go with the new High School bonding first, and second the infrastructure/programs at a later date. This Task Force is working well together – we need to keep meeting – maybe monthly.

Nolan Duce commented on bonds and the rate(s) we might ask for. This will be decided by Bond Committee.

- After sharing, Dr. Pryne instructed the Task Force for the vote: No names! Ballot - Mark #1 on one side, #2 on the other side. #1 is for your first recommendation to the Board. #2 is for your second recommendation (second whatever).

**** 29 votes needed to make the decision ****

Recommendation #1 – Ballot Result: Rebuild the Port Angeles High School

- Rebuild the Port Angeles High School – 45
- Rebuild the Middle School – 2
- Prek-5, 6-8, 9-12 – 1

Recommendation #2 – Ballot Result: No consensus.

Rebuild High School – 4

- Band – Elementary, K-5 – 3
- PreK-6 – 12
- Remodel Elementary Schools – 2
- New Middle School – 4
- PreK-5, 6-8 – 2
- Table Infrastructures until later – 11
- Current Configuration – 1 (Moved to PreK-6-12)
- Nothing – 5
- 20 Year Bond – All facilities – no increase in rate for 20 years – 1
- Upgrade 3 K-8 – 1

Without having the decision-making threshold vote (29) for a second recommendation, the Task Force voted for what step two is to be for this Task Force.

If this group wants to be involved, we need to come up with a second recommendation. If we vote to rebuild the high school and that is it, this committee then disbands.

New ballots were handed out. The Task Force votes:

- Pass Bond – Disband – 3
- Nothing – 1
- PreK-6, 7-8, 9-12 – 2
- Do nothing until the bond passes – 3
- Reconvene the committee and study further – 37

Dr. Pryne will write up the report/recommendation for the Task Force to review and edit. This report/recommendation will be sent to the Task Force Monday, December 2. Bring suggested edits to the December 3 meeting. The December 3rd meeting will be approximately one hour.

Next meeting December 3:

- Review/Finalize the recommendation to the School Board – Feedback at this meeting!
- Select a Community Representative to present this at the December 12th School Board Meeting. The School Board wants to hear from the community.
- Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting, showing support of the recommendation(s).

Adjournment Closing – Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Notes by Marsha McKay