



MEETING RECORD

PROJECT: Ridgway School District – Facility Master Plan

PROJECT NO: 19057.00

DATE: December 3, 2020

ATTENDANCE: Jason Bojar, John Countryman, John Clark, Jonathan Silvester, Marcia Kinne, Mike Cassidy, Shane Sayer, Susan Lacey, Russel Randolph, Brian Calhoun, Russell Randolph, Brian Patton, Tammy Johnson, Wendy Fenner, Krista Kjavonok, Trish Greenwood

SUBJECT: Planning Advisory Team (PAT) Meeting #6

Purpose: The purpose of this PAT meeting is to review the survey results from the digital open house. The PAT should then make a recommendation to the Board of Education to address facility needs for the Ridgway School District.

Planning Advisory Team Meeting #6: (refer also to Virtual Open House Website and Community Survey Results). A recording of the meeting comment discussions can be found here:

Share recording with viewers:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/JXxldNZTslj6a6vCHj-4LG7CDoBp3tojao4RZxHiex4qwXZfWUjSKKsgl1EX1uh4.sb05CZqr47LEdZpl> Passcode: K9.OXa2M

1. **Review Process to date:** Brian reviewed in broad terms, the Master Planning process to date including the data that has been considered, the goals that were defined, and the options that have been considered.
2. **Review Digital Open House:** Brian ran through the overall format and information presented in the virtual open house. This open house was made available to the public from November 9, 2020 and remains in place for future reference. The site may become a resource through the next year to promote potential bond campaigns. The survey that viewers were asked to respond to was opened on November 9, 2020 and with responses requested by November 29, 2020.

Access to Digital Open House: <https://rtaarchitects.com/ridgway-master-plan-digital-open-house>

3. **Review Survey Results:** Brian reviewed the survey results with the team. There were 40 responses to the survey with responses coming from parents and staff representing about 70% of the responses. The survey indicated a strong support for Elementary Option E2.2 and improvements at the Secondary School as well. Teacher salary increases was the top priority for respondents. The responses showed strong support for both continuation of the current bond and even increasing the bond if needed. Strong support was shown for a tax measure to increase teacher salaries.

Access to Survey Results: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-95QD6F9Z7/>

4. **Discuss Recommended Path Forward:** Each PAT member was asked to provide feedback for the remainder of the team to consider. The following general comments can be paraphrased

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based on PAT comments. For a recording of the comments refer to the link at the top of this report.

- a. The PAT felt that pursuing Elementary School Option E2.2 with a budget of about \$15M makes the most sense as this option addresses both facility maintenance needs but also addresses the primary goals of:
 - 1. Providing added student capacity by incorporating two classes per grade
 - 2. Providing breakout and collaborative learning spaces
 - 3. Providing stronger access to outdoor spaces
 - 4. Improving safety by securing outdoor spaces and relocating admin areas
 - 5. Improving drop off safety and efficiency
- b. The PAT felt that pursuing a BEST grant for Elementary Option E2.2 makes sense and there are really no downsides to pursuing. It was noted that if a 2021 application fails, you could always go again in 2022.
- c. The PAT for the most part felt that teacher salaries are a priority, but also felt that it made sense to pursue both building bond funding and teacher salary funding at the same time which would likely be fall of 2021.
- d. Many PAT members would like to see a new elementary school, but recognized that at this time it is not viable due to high costs. Perhaps in the future, after growth in the community does occur a new elementary school could be obtained.
- e. The PAT emphasized the important of sustainability and did express interest in solar energy projects both at the Elementary and the Secondary Schools. It was mentioned that there are grants and other ways to finance solar projects beyond traditional bonding.
- f. There was some discussion on the possibility of growth the community and it was mentioned that the plan should account for how more classroom space could be added to the elementary if needed.
- e. It was discussed that a partial tract did not receive much interest in the survey. Survey responses prioritized roof replacement and auditorium work. There was no other significant discussion on the Secondary School Scope of work.

Attachments:
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