

Knappa School District Citizen's Review Committee Meeting  
January 17, 2023  
Hilda Lahti Elementary Library

Present:

Dr. Bill Fritz\*

Ann Gyde - Klosh Group\*

Marc Gendelmen

Judy Rund

Brian Montgomery

David Ramsey

Dirk Rohne

Absent:

Paul Isom

\*denotes non voting member

Approved minutes from 10/6/22. Brian Montgomery motioned to approve, David Ramsey seconded. Approved unanimously.

PIVOT Architecture visited during the previous week and met with internal stakeholder teams (HLE counseling, office staff, SPED team and students) to gather input on adjacency, educational flow and overall ideas. PIVOT will return for two additional information gathering sessions.

Due to rising anticipated construction costs, the KSD school board met 1/11/23 and discussed options for modifications to the project scope. The school board deliberated on the possibility of reducing the size of the gym to a MS size gym. The board indicated they wished to use the bond interest to fund the full HS sized gym. The board also requested that additional information be gathered about the size and future needs for the preschool.

The board agreed that the preschool would be included in the existing HLE building envelope (final location TBD).

The board discussed reducing or phasing in the HLE using bond contingency funds as they become available.

An engineering estimate confirmed that there is sufficient water flow to support sprinklers in new construction and one additional sprinkler line in the existing wood framed construction intermediate hallway. The district is reviewing grant funding outside the bond scope for a larger water supply main for the building.

Progress update: Sitework to begin summer 2023 with vertical construction starting winter 2023-2024. The school calendar for 2023-2024 has been adjusted to give extra time for construction during the summer season to complete the project. Antiquated project completion is August 2024. The bond funding is available to spend through February 2025 (85% must be committed by February 2025).

Finance update: The committee reviewed the financials and expenditures for the project. To date, most of the spending related to bond issuance and initial visioning is paid for by the interest on the bond. Dr. Fritz will request a spending forecast from Fortis and share with the citizens' committee.

The citizens' committee agreed that the bond funding is being spent appropriately. The citizen's committee agreed to draft a memo to the KSD board indicating this opinion. Dirk Rohne motioned, Judy Rund seconded and unanimously approved. Brian Montgomery will draft a memo to the KSD school board for the 2/22/23 meeting.

The next committee meeting will be April 11, 2023.