



MISD Facilities & Growth Planning Committee

Meeting 1 Notes

Monday, July 18, 2016, 6:00 pm
MISD Center for the Performing Arts

1. Welcome & Introductions

Jeff Brogden, Associate Superintendent, Facilities & Bond Programs, kicked off the first MISD Facilities & Growth Planning Committee meeting on Monday, July 18 at 6 pm at the MISD Center for the Performing Arts. Mr. Brogden welcomed committee members and expressed appreciation for their commitment to this process.

A video welcome by Dr. Jim Vaszauskas, Superintendent, was shown to the committee. Through the video, Dr. Vaszauskas apologized for his absence, welcomed and thanked committee members and commented on the important work that this committee will do.

Following his welcome, Mr. Brogden introduced the MISD Administrative Council that was present and the district's architect and partner in the facility planning process, Huckabee & Associates. Josh Brown, Principal Architect with Huckabee, provided committee members an overview of the firm and their commitment to education, and then introduced the Huckabee team members also working with MISD in this process. Megan Smith with Huckabee expanded on the firm's role in the planning process and facilitated an introduction of the committee members to demonstrate the diversity of community representation on the committee.

Committee members spent time introducing themselves at their tables and then were tasked to each choose one word to describe MISD. When finished, each table reported out their selected words and explained why they felt these words best reflected the district. The words selected were as follows: Diverse, Opportunity, Transformative, Innovative, Inclusive, Visionary and Progressive. These words will serve as a focus for the committee as they work through the process and as a reminder of what the committee believes MISD is and wants to be as a district.

Committee members were reminded to fill out and submit the committee member questionnaire online that they should have received in their email. If members did not receive the email, they should let the district know at the end of the meeting or email growthplanning@misdmail.org. MISD would like to publish all names of committee members on the website and are asking permission from committee members through this questionnaire.

2. Overview of the Facilities & Growth Planning Committee

Mr. Brogden reviewed the committee goal, purpose, charge and parameters. Mr. Brogden explained that the committee is comprised of individuals from the community who represent the diversity and multi-faceted interests within MISD. The committee will study the needs of the district and ultimately make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. He emphasized that the district desires this to be a very transparent, community-led process and that there are no preconceived notions of what this committee will recommend. Committee chairpersons will help lead the process and subcommittees will be formed, providing additional opportunities of leadership from committee members.

Mr. Brogden then reviewed the schedule of meetings currently set for the process. The committee will meet 10 times over the next six months and locations may rotate in order to see different district facilities. For the next meeting the committee will return to the Center for the Performing Arts.

Dr. Kimberley Cantu, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, then explained the committee process. Meetings 1-4 are for introduction and information gathering and the committee will work to establish chairpersons, subcommittees and leadership, define consensus and begin forming goals and parameters for their recommendation. Meetings 5-8 are designated for subcommittee work and prioritization. Lastly, meetings 9 and 10 are when the committee will come back as one large group and work to come to final consensus on their recommendation.

Dr. Cantu then reviewed the roles of the Chairpersons and Secretary. If any committee members are interested in filling one of these roles they should talk to Dr. Cantu following the meeting or email growthplanning@misdmail.org before the next meeting.

Dr. Cantu introduced the committee website. The district has created a designated website, www.misdplanningcommittee.org, that will be used to post meeting materials, notes, resources and answer questions. This website will provide transparency to the entire community and be a valuable resource for committee members to refer to for meeting materials and notes.

Question: Are these meetings open to the public?

Answer: Yes. The public can most definitely attend and observe the meetings. However, they are not open for public comment or participation.

3. State of the District & Vision 2020

Donald Williams, Assistant Superintendent, Communications & Marketing, reviewed the State of the District information. He provided an overview of student enrollment, demographics, staff and student makeup, as well as highlighted achievements in student performance, fiscal accountability and special programs – all things that make MISD a destination district. Mr. Williams asked that committee members connect with MISD through the several channels in which the district utilizes to engage the community.

Holly Teague, Associate Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability, reviewed the district's new strategic plan, Vision 2020. The district underwent a five-month process involving staff, community and students to develop a strategic plan that is concise, focused and that any teacher, student or community member could remember. The new mission, vision, motto, values and guiding statements will guide our district over the next five years and drive MISD forward. Ms. Teague asked that committee members keep the Vision 2020 copy provided at the front of their binders throughout this process and let it also guide them as they make decisions for our students.

The committee then took a five-minute break.

4. Previous Bond Programs & Planning Work Completed

Mr. Brogden reconvened the meeting with reviewing the previous bond programs over the last 15 years and the projects that were completed with each. MISD had successful bond programs in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006 and 2011. The '01, '02, '03 and '06 bonds were all responding to extreme growth that the district was experiencing. The 2001 bond program had nine new campuses alone. Each also provided much-needed improvements. The economy and growth slowed around 2010 and finally in 2011 the district was able to address the district's oldest campuses and replace five new elementary schools, complete renovations at 40 campuses and implement district wide technology and security improvements.

As the 2011 bond program comes to completion, the district has launched www.mansfieldisdbond.org to showcase the projects completed through the 2011 bond program.

Mr. Brogden then explained that much work and information gathering for the facility planning process has already taken place. Mr. Brogden and Dr. Cantu reviewed the following planning work completed to date:

- Internal maintenance assessment
- Departmental meetings
- Regular demographic projection updates
- Facility condition assessment
- Visioning
- Technical standards and educational specifications

5. Closing & Questions

Question: To what detail will this committee get? Will we decide what goes in the building and how they are laid out?

Answer: No, this committee will not get that granular. This committee will look at the needs of the district at a holistic, macro-level and think bigger picture. For example, if this committee recommends that a new facility be built, it is the Ed Spec committee that will work to determine

what needs to be in that building in order for the district to satisfy the educational needs of the students served in that facility.

Question: Is this committee's recommendation a part in a compilation of other committees' recommendations?

Answer: No. This committee's recommendation stands alone. The work of the visioning and educational specification committee is separate and focuses on educational delivery.

Question: Are we behind on space? How far out will we satisfy growth?

Answer: This committee will dig into this very topic and determine the answer to those questions. There are a lot of things to consider and there are several different solutions to growth. This committee will study and discuss what's the best solution for MISD and how far out we plan for growth.

Homework for committee members include:

1. Complete the Committee Member Questionnaire online. (Email growthplanning@misdmail.org if you have not received one.)
2. Visit and review www.MISDPlanningCommittee.org (the committee website).
3. Visit and review www.MansfieldISDBond.org (the Bond 2011 website).
4. Review Roles of Chairpersons & Secretary and contact MISD at growthplanning@misdmail.org if interested.

Committee binders are for each committee member to have and keep throughout the process. Members should bring their binder to each meeting and MISD will provide the meeting materials.

The next meeting is Monday, August 1, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the Center for the Performing Arts.