

Knothole Report

Monthly Update on the WDMCSD
10-Year Facility Improvement Plan

August, 2002

The Knothole Report is provided as a resource to update you on facility improvements underway in the West Des Moines Community School District. These projects are a part of the district's 10-Year Facility Improvement Plan, and are funded through proceeds from the voter-approved one-cent sales tax. For additional information, please contact Kay Rosene, director of School/Community Relations, at 226-2714 or e-mail her at rosenek@home.wdm.k12.ia.us. **The projects below are listed in alphabetical order.**

1. Clegg Park Elementary

The structured technology cabling system bid was awarded, and installation will take place this month.

2. Clive Elementary

Work to stabilize the creek bank is complete. Architect selection for the work on the building will happen later this fall. Construction on this building will start in June 2004, and is scheduled to be complete by August 2005.

3. District-wide

Work is underway for the design of the Fiber Optic loop that would eventually connect all of the facilities in the district.

4. Hillside Elementary

The site plan is virtually complete and additional soil testing is scheduled. The Design Development process is continuing, with input from staff and research regarding technology. This stage of design will be reviewed and approved by the Board prior to the Construction Document stage in mid-September. Current plans call for demolition of the old stadium and grading of the Hillside site later this fall. Construction documents should be complete in February 2003, with bidding to follow. Construction will start in the spring of 2003. Hillside is scheduled to open August, 2004.

5. Jordan Creek Elementary

A walkway connecting the west side of the school to the new Valley Stadium walkway system and Mills Civic Parkway underpass is scheduled to be complete this month. The internal technology cabling system is scheduled to be revised and upgraded during the Summer of 2003.

6. New Valley Stadium

The locker room building is "dried in," and roofing is complete. Plumbing and electrical rough-in is underway and some fixtures have been set. The curtain wall for the middle of the building has been set. Support buildings on the home side were painted and plumbing fixtures were set. The grandstand structure for both the visitor and home stands has been erected and work is underway on the decking for the home side. Grading for the field and installation of the drain tiles for the artificial turf is complete. Installation and finish grading of the rock base is complete.

Installation of the artificial turf is scheduled to start mid-August. All parking lots and access roads are paved and concrete work is now underway on sidewalks and other areas around buildings and grandstands. Landscaping has started, with grading currently underway next to Mills Civic Parkway. Press box rough framing is in place, the floor is poured and the balance of framing is scheduled to be completed mid-August. Fencing is scheduled to start the week of August 12. The stadium is scheduled to be ready for the Dial Bowl on August 30.

7. Phenix Early Childhood Center/ Valley Southwoods/ Westridge Elementary

The internal technology cabling system is scheduled to be revised and upgraded during summer of 2003.

8. Stilwell Junior High

Work on the second floor is virtually complete, with only small items to finish. Furniture was returned to this area on July 29. The northwest corner addition is fully enclosed. First floor classrooms and offices in the west wing were carpeted. The new stairway at the main entrance has been installed, and nearly all terrazzo patching and installation is in place. The mechanical room on the northeast corner of the building is also virtually complete with all equipment now operational and the controls now being adjusted. All rooftop units have been installed and screened. Site cleanup and final paving is scheduled for mid-August. The science room addition should be complete in September.

9. Valley High School

The Board voted to retain Valley High School for grades 10-12 with a major new academic addition. The addition will be designed to support the concept of three smaller learning communities for 600 - 700 students and maximize connections among students, staff, curriculum and community. Staff, students and community members will develop the specific structure and function of these learning centers. Attention will also be paid to programs and procedures that address concerns regarding opportunities for participation and leadership. New construction at Valley requires a referendum some time during the 2002-03 school year for additional funds beyond the sales tax monies. Architects will develop specific design details to finalize construction costs. The referendum will be structured so it does not increase the current property tax rate.

Restrooms -
Stilwell



Classroom - Stilwell



NW Vestibule -
Stilwell



Support Buildings -
Valley Stadium



Grading -
Valley Stadium



Overall Photo -
Valley Stadium

