

Knothole Report

Monthly Update on the WDMCSD
10-Year Facility Improvement Plan

March, 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 e-mail Kay Rosene, director of School/Community Relations, at rosenek@home.wdm.k12.ia.us. The projects below are listed in alphabetical order.

1. Clegg Park Elementary

The internal technology cabling system is scheduled to be revised and upgraded during the Summer of 2002.

2. Clive Elementary

Work to stabilize the creek bank behind the school will take place this summer. Architect selection for the work on the building will happen in one year. Clive is the next school with significant work required after Hillside Elementary is opened. Construction on this building will start in June 2004, and is scheduled to be complete by August 2005.

3. Hillside Elementary

The Site Design Team has been working with the architect (RDG Education) to develop a more specific design. A community forum was held in January to update district residents on the status of this project. A traffic study is underway, and should be completed in March. The design process is scheduled to take the rest of the year, with bidding planned for early 2003. Construction will begin by early Spring of 2003, and the school will open in August 2004. The demolition of the existing stadium and preliminary site work are scheduled to start in July 2002.

4. 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 under design. Work should be complete by August 2002. The internal technology cabling system is scheduled to be revised and upgraded during the Summer of 2003.

5. New Valley Stadium (see photos below)

Nearly all bids have been awarded. Rough grading was completed in Fall of 2001. Footings to support the building are complete and work on plumbing beneath the building is in process. Masonry is scheduled to start in late February. The stadium will be ready for use in August 2002.

6. Phenix Early Childhood Center

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

7. Stilwell Junior High (see photos below)

Bids for Phase One work were awarded in December 2001 and work is underway. The south entrance stairwell has been removed. The above ceiling demolition has been completed on the second floor west wing, with work now starting on installing ductwork for heating and cooling. The northwest entrance is closed and footings have been installed for the new entrance and science lab addition. The footings and floor slab are in place for the new mechanical room addition. Masonry work was scheduled to start in late February. Phase One is scheduled to be complete by August 2002.

8. Temporary Air Conditioning

During the Summer of 2001, temporary air conditioning was installed at Fairmeadows, Clegg Park and Western Hills Elementary Schools.

9. Valley High School

The Design Down process to help define a 21st Century High School for the West Des Moines Community School District is in process. Under the leadership of Bruce Jilk & RDG Education, that process is now targeted for completion in late May 2002. Options developed by the Design Down Committee will be presented to students, staff and community for review and feedback. For more information on the Design Down process, check the district's web site at www.wdm.k12.ia.us.

10. Valley Southwoods

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

11. Westridge Elementary

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Hauling dirt -
Valley Stadium



Footings Complete -
Valley Stadium



NW Footings -
Stilwell



Mechanical Room
Slab - Stilwell



2nd Floor Ceiling
Removal - Stilwell



Stairway Demolition -
Stilwell



Stairway Removed -
Stilwell

