

Monday, March 2, 2009

**Community Forum on
Facility Improvement Planning**

Public Comment

Advocate for fine arts. Update rehearsal facilities for vocal/orchestra. Shortage of practice rooms for Valley students. Consider a new auditorium/theater/concert hall. (Jim Cacciatore)

Advocate for performing arts space. Drama has no rehearsal space. Update Valley auditorium. Provide performing and rehearsal space for all fine arts groups. (Drew McLellan)

Students need performance and rehearsal space. Own student had a positive experience with tremendous benefits in the Valley drama program. Create a vision for fine arts similar to the stadium, which is an outstanding and much-used facility. Many junior high students are interested in and involved in fine arts. This is a chance to build a facility for school and community use. (Cindy Todd)

Space is needed at Jordan Creek and Westridge for occupational therapy services for students. Also a need exists for specialized space for autistic children. (Danielle Sharp)

Create parity for special programs. More space is needed at Jordan Creek for special education programs. (George Valencia)

Walnut Creek Campus offers a great program, but the facility is not up to par. Open classrooms create a distraction for students. Need a common meeting space. There is no cafeteria or gymnasium for the students. (Bill/Marilyn Carlson)

More space for autistic students is needed at Jordan Creek. Students are now taking tests in the hallways. Concern that the junior highs are not ready for the needs of special ed students coming to the upper grades. Open classrooms do not work at Jordan Creek; extremely distracting for students with sensory and attention problems. (Janet Kinzie)

Concern with expansion of performing arts space on the Valley campus. Would have a significant impact on space now used for physical education and football. (Gary Swenson)

Performing arts improvements are needed for all schools, not just the high school. (Amy Lau)

Space in elementary buildings has been compromised with the addition of more all-day kindergarten sections. Be sure to add classrooms to accommodate the program. (Sarah Overton)

Walnut Creek Campus needs cafeteria space. The building also has water leaking in. (Judy Card)

In adequate space at Valley for special education programs. More space is needed. Praise for program at Walnut Creek Campus and affirmation of the needs at that building. (Peg Stockdale)

Small Group Discussion

What are the greatest facility needs in our school district?

During the school day

- Walnut Creek – space, cafeteria
- Fine Arts facility – space, parking for shows and concerts, rehearsal space, classroom space, safety concerns. Multi-purpose facility; city or corporate funds; partnerships
- Space for special needs and planning for future needs

- Fine Arts space for high school
Space around Valley
Classroom/rehearsal facility
Refurbish auditorium; 604 accommodations
- Special programs
Space
Needs assessment – serve students now and in the future
Appropriate space for learning
- Walnut Creek
Address space needs
- All day kindergarten
- All children deserve the appropriate education

- Walnut Creek Campus – no cafeteria, no “real” classrooms, no gathering space, no walls, no doors
- Valley High School – renovation of area around auditorium, special needs, vocal, drama, renovate the remaining areas at Valley that got minimal work before
- Elementary classrooms all need doors
- Please support the basic needs of all buildings before addressing additional performance space

Outside of school hours (community use)

- Rehearsal spaces
- Multi-purpose facility to be used by entire community

- Ability for Walnut Creek Campus to provide options for community use

How would you like to be engaged in the facility planning process?

- Feel well represented at this time
- Need on-line options for feedback

Written comments from individuals attending the March 2 forum

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During the school day

- Why is the pre-school located at Jordan Creek?
- More space needed t Jordan Creek
- Parity for teaching and learning spaces

- Space for fine arts – classroom, rehearsal and performance space

- All day kindergarten space
- Special needs across the district
- Meet needs at Walnut Creek

- Classroom/rehearsal facilities at Valley High School for orchestra and vocal music

- Drama classroom space
- Rehearsal/practice space
- Cooling in auditorium
- Adequate lighting that won't "blow" when it gets too hot

Outside of school hours (community use)

- None we are aware of

- Space for fine arts – classroom, rehearsal and performance space

- None

- Concert hall/theatre/auditorium at Valley

- Community theatre/performing arts venue
- Community meeting space

How would you like to be engaged in the facility planning process?

- Understanding what objectives and plans are, especially around special programs. We would like to be involved in/on planning committees on a district level and at Westridge Elementary. We both have experience with space planning and real estate issues.

We also have four children in the system at the high school, elementary and special ed level. We have a rounded perspective!

- In any way that we can be helpful – parent meetings, fundraising (if need be), marketing and PR. We believe in this – so we're ready to help!
- I would like to be on a facility planning committee.
- I would like to help in any way that I can in planning and implementing the building or renovation of VHS vocal music and orchestra rehearsal facilities and a concert hall/theatre/auditorium.
- Any way I can be of help and support – I am glad to do it. Even though we have no more children in the district, we feel a very strong connection to the Valley drama family and fine arts programs.