



January 2017 Report of the CITIZENS FACILITIES TASK FORCE

● Who

The Task Force is made up of 20 volunteer members of our community and includes representatives from all areas of the school district.

● What

The Task Force is reviewing the district's Long Range Facilities Plan, which lists all the facility needs in all schools and departments in the district.

● Why

The Task Force's job is to review the list of facility needs and make recommendations to the School Board on how to fund the Long Range Facilities Plan.

Examples of facility needs:

- Planning for future ongoing maintenance is important to protecting the public's investment in school facilities.
- Career and Technical Education programs (vocational programs) require specialized facilities.
- The addition of portables over the years to address crowding has put pressure on school infrastructure like gyms, libraries, and cafeterias.
- Safety and security upgrades are crucial to maintaining a safe learning environment.

Citizens Facilities Task Force January 12 & 19, 2017, Meetings Summary

Task Force Continues Work

Members of the Citizens Facilities Task Force continue to meet and review the district's draft Long Range Facilities Plan. Two meetings have been held to date in January, and five more are planned over the next six weeks.

The Task Force is divided into two subcommittees. The student enrollment growth subcommittee is reviewing enrollment projections and capacity of each of the district's 65 school buildings. In the last few meetings, the subcommittee has taken a detailed look at each school's current enrollment, plus 10-year and 20-year enrollment projections, to determine capacity needs. The needs include additional classrooms, gymnasiums, cafeterias, libraries and auditoriums. The need to replace aging portables throughout the district has also been discussed.

The school and support buildings subcommittee is reviewing ongoing maintenance needs in the next ten years and how the condition of buildings supports educational programs. In the last few meetings, the subcommittee has heard presentations on needs surrounding safety, security, and technology. The group heard about career-technical programs currently offered in each Salem-Keizer high school and the facility needs of each program.

The goal of the Task Force is to review and validate the list of facility needs included in the 10 year capital improvement plan and to make a recommendation to the School Board about how to fund the plan.

Citizens Facilities Task Force meetings are open to the public; however public testimony is not taken. A calendar of future meetings can be found on the district website, along with meeting minutes and other resources.

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