CRC Special Staff Meeting – October 6, 2015

Staff Input – Facilities

What did we hear?
- Maintenance needs to happen
- 5 options
- Doesn’t seem to cover everything
- Huge needs
- 5 different options, ideally $70m/$20m split
- A lot of options
- 5 options – just a drop in the bucket for what we really need
- Cycle for upgrades for buildings
- Key to have capital funds so that it does not come out of general fund
- 5 options
- Both facilities & technology interplay
- If we don’t do this work out of capital, it will come out of operations
- Ramps are awful
- No capital $$ - out of general
- Crumbling infrastructure
- Need money
- Safety
- Capital or else pull from general fund
- Need $ and hope voters approve
- Growing population and need more schools, etc.

What is our reaction to that?
- ? Why synthetic turf field → speak to safety. People heard of complaints of cancer concerns of artificial turf
- Maintenance is important for safety, and we need more budget for maintenance projects
- Facility repairs are definitely needed, ramps really are terrible & dangerous in bad weather
- More that needs to be done than the “wallet” will bear
- Replacement of field a harder sell, but a vocal group supports
- How are we building capacity for deferred maintenance?
- Hart to predict unanticipated needs
- We need something public can actually see
- Safety and security features are key to all proposals
- We need to keep it coming from capital so we can keep our operations budget whole for current operations
- Need state of the art facilities for kids/community/public to be proud
• Need to be safe, has to be done
• No way pull from GF
• #3 is best if it’s all we can get, some would love #4/#5 if we could get $
• We want this so maintenance is not spending time & money on temporary fixes but can put effort into replacing old with new

What is our most important idea to share?
• Safety of students/staff/community
• North needs to be remodeled
• Safe, secure environment for students and staff is as important as, if not more important than technology
• Community support is crucial
• It would be beneficial to see EPS status of facilities and technology in comparison to other districts in surrounding counties.
• There is a lot of overcrowding so is the split fair?
• What is the average age of the voters – older will care more about facilities, younger about technology
• Safety is #1
• Need for a more equitable ratio between the funding for technology & facilities, technology is great but if buildings are in disrepair that is not a good learning environment for using the technology
• All very real needs – difficult to prioritize
• Safety and security matter to all stakeholders
• Highlight the safety issues and protecting our investments (buildings & home values)
• Needs to be done
• Rally the community – necessary to support
• Equity between schools in re: to fields
• Safety
• Facilities thinks sports is a great way to rally some support
• If we don’t spend $ on facilities this way we will have to spend it on repairs in the long run

Additional Comments
• Where will new tech support be housed? Look at different models of offering support, i.e. staff “housed” at building providing tech support, troubleshooting, training, PD
• How “a la carte” is this menu? Example: can I select option 1 and turf field?
• More equity is needed between the tech portion and facilities portion, 60/40 split
• ChildFind portable @ Evergreen is 1st impression many families have of district, it is in terrible condition (ceiling falling in, bad flooring), what kind of impression does that give?
• We need funding to care for “outside” of buildings
• Can capital levy funds buy increased security staff?
• Outside of buildings affect pride of community and students
• Be sure to explain difference between capital levy and capital bond
• Don’t have kids in district – why do I care – needs to support our community
• Everett Public Schools has been able to make noticeable changes as a tax payer it is
great to be a part of EPS where you can see changes
• Make messages to families very personal how it will benefit their kids and
communities, the critical thinking required by using technology
• There seems to be a misunderstanding/misperception about schools. We have good
school buildings but those portables are hidden behind schools. I think families and
community members need to hear that portable # so they know our need for growth
and expansion.
• Seeing antiquated turf, ramps, etc may be helpful