

Meeting #2  
Community-based Committee  
First Phase of Implementation  
Wednesday, June 2, 2010  
Burnet Center, 5:30p.m.

**Present**

Steve Lecholop  
Andrea Pastrano  
Celina Peña  
Nellie Shannon  
Linda Jackson  
Dan Martinez  
Bob Comeaux  
Linda Tippins  
John Wilkins  
Armando Cadena  
Sandra Ojeda-Medina  
Cynthia Muñoz  
Roger Perales  
Gloria Parra  
Randy Sanchez

Elizabeth "Liz" Riojas  
Curis Bowers  
Gene Garcia  
Jessica Rae Sanchez  
Mike Villarreal  
Felix Alvarez  
Rachel Ponce  
Terri Vasquez  
Josette J. Gonzalez  
Ted Guerra  
Rolando Ruvalcaba

**Absent**

Olga Avila  
Paulo G. Aguilera  
Dr. Charles Cotrell  
Jesse Tovar  
Dr. Sylvia Reyna  
Andro Herrera-Mendoza  
Willie Mitchell  
Dalia Puente  
Paul Talamantez, Jr.

Chairman Mike Villarreal opened the second meeting of the Community-based Committee at 5:38 pm on June 2, 2010.

Villarreal and Celina Peña, Co-Chairperson, reiterated the PROCESS for conduct during these meetings: Participate; Respect; Open (be honest); Consensus; Sensitive; Self (speak for yourself).

Matt Gamble of Baseline & Associates provided an overview of the survey his firm conducted for SAISD voters and parents in February 2010 with comparisons to the survey conducted in 2009. The 2010 survey included more parents, he said. The presentation has been posted on the SAISD Website.

Briefly, 402 persons responded to the survey and the survey has a margin of error of +/- 4.9 percent. A majority, 68 percent, has positive impressions of SAISD with teachers having a positive impression of 74 percent. A plurality of respondents also had a positive impression of the Board and superintendent. Gamble said respondents understand the needs of the school district as reflected in responses with regard to the funding priorities. When given a list of funding items, respondents would fund these almost equally.

Although committee members felt the survey was a general good reflection of public opinion, they asked that the following be taken into consideration for future surveys:

- Questions are too long and need to be shorter
- Wording/vocabulary needs to be in more layman's terms
- Survey needs to be given in Spanish for those who cannot respond in English

Peña told committee members the Board of Trustees also had similar concerns when they received the survey briefing in March.

Kamal ElHabr, Associate Superintendent for Facilities Services, made a presentation on the long-range plan and recommendations for developing model schools based on the work and input from the Long-Range Facilities Committee. "Model Schools" are the ideal standard the

school district would strive to achieve for elementary/PK-8, middle schools and high school spaces. Comparisons of SAISD facilities to model schools were included in the presentation.

Several recommendations for improvements were identified by the strategic plan including technology systems; campus security, safety and code compliance; infrastructure and magnet programs; and career pathways. The long-range plan, implemented over 10 to 12 years would:

- Improve facilities at 78 schools
- Consolidate 13 schools and change boundaries
- Cost approximately \$1.24 billion to achieve
- Re-evaluate plan regularly

Discussion points from committee members included:

- An educational campaign on the needs of the school district is needed because needs exceed the amount that could be accomplished with a single bond.
- The Committee should prioritize the needs
- Bonding capacity
- Evident in presentation that all sides of the district were taken into consideration

Before adjourning, staff was asked to provide scenarios at the June 9 meeting on the high end and low end of potential bonds and impacts to taxpayers and that a breakdown by feeder patterns also would be helpful.