

Splendora ISD

Facility Committee Summary of District Needs

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Goals

- To develop a working plan to help guide the district in facilities management.
- Determine needs that require immediate attention because of health or safety concerns.
- Identify facility needs that are dictated by student growth, current building inadequacies or condition.

Immediate areas of concern

- Overcrowding in the primary grades.
 - Demographic surveys and cohort survival projections predict that without construction of a new facility by 2009 we will well exceed current building capacities.
 - All but the most recent additions at the Intermediate facility are obsolete and the cost of updating/renovating will be prohibitive.
 - Extensive roofing repairs will be needed on the 100 building.
 - The “Alamo” wing is in such disrepair and the air quality standards are so poor that it should be abandoned and possibly demolished as soon as possible.
 - Peach Creek Elementary will need extensive roofing repairs and possible air quality upgrades.
- Temporary buildings and old field house present safety concerns for students.
- Improvement of traffic flow in the east campus area.
- CATE facilities need to be built at the high school.
- Because of the poor conditions at the “Alamo”, and the infrastructure being inadequate for required equipment, suitable accommodations will need to be found for Technology and Community Education.

Recommended solutions

- Removal of temporary buildings and old field house from the east campus grounds.
 - These items are already being address and should be finished before the end of the current school year.
- Construction of a new facility capable of servicing Pre-K thru 6 with a capacity of 850 students.
 - Due to the uncertainty of grade groupings it is felt that the new facility should have the ability to house the above grades to give the district flexibility as we go through the transition period.

- One possible scenario would be to temporarily house grades 4-6 at the new campus. This would free up space at the two elementary campuses, which would allow for renovations.
- Once the elementary renovations are completed, student growth will probably be at a point that the primary grade grouping would revert back to three campuses serving Pre-K thru 5.
 - Ideal grade groupings will need to be determined by administration so that future campus construction-renovations can be properly planned for.
- If administration determines that a Pre-K thru 5 grouping is what the district should try to achieve and the Jr. High is transitioned to a 6-8 campus, plans for the addition of classrooms (10-12 classes) along with expansion of the cafeteria will be needed in the near future.
- If however administration would like to revert back to the current Pre-K thru 4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12 grade groupings, the district will need to be ready once the new campus is built and renovations are made at the elementary campuses to begin construction of a new 5-6 campus.
- The construction of the new campus will allow the district to abandon the current Intermediate for student use (temporarily at least). This will allow for the demolition of buildings deemed being unsafe or not cost effective for renovations.
 - The newer portions of the present Intermediate can be used for housing various district operations such as Technology, Special Services, Community Education and other programs/departments.
- Reducing the number of campuses on east campus grounds will reduce the traffic flow through the area and allow for better traffic management.
- Construction of a new CATE facility (appx. 25,000 sq.ft.) on the high school grounds.
 - Since this facility should be completed before the abandonment of the present intermediate we may need to consider housing Technology in this building.
 - One concern we need to address is that doing this may disqualify this facility from IFA/EDA funding.

Estimated costs

• Roofing repairs at Peach Creek Elementary and Intermediate	600,000.00
• New Pre-K thru 6 campus	16,500,000.00
• New Vocation Building	3,200,000.00
• Technology upgrades (district wide)	700,000.00
• District wide renovations/additions, land acquisitions	5,000,000.00
Total:	26,000,000.00

Projected timeline

- Technology upgrades need to begin immediately due to the possibility of district wide computer failures.
 - Purchase approximately 500 new computers.
 - Initial funding to be managed through either fund balance or alternative financing. Once the bond proposal passes, repayment will be made by the sale of bonds.
 - The balance of funds left after the purchase of the new computers will be directed towards additional technology upgrades such as servers, switches. These needs will be defined by district staff and the anticipated technology audit.
 - If necessary a portion of these funds could be diverted to help construct new technology facilities.
- Roofing repairs at Peach Creek Elementary and the Intermediate 100 building will need to begin at the end of the present school year.
 - Designs/specifications for the repairs need to be developed.
 - Bid requests need to be requested with proposals opened/accepted in time to let the contracts so that repairs can be started at the end of the current school year.
 - As with the technology upgrades alternative financing will need to be considered for these projects to start at the recommended time.
- Construction of a new Pre-K thru 6 campus pending public approval of the bond issue.
 - Site selection needs to begin immediately.
 - Hopefully a site could be obtained near the high school, if so the existing sewer treatment facility could be utilized.
 - The board needs to begin the process of selecting an architectural firm for the design of the school once they call for a bond election.
- Construction of a new CATE facility at the high school.
 - The architectural firm selected to design the new campus would also design this structure.
- District wide renovations/additions.
 - The district will need to decide what additional work will be done, this will be determined by:
 - The optimal grade groupings as decided by the new superintendent and administrative team.
 - Student population growth.
 - Facilities restructuring recommendations of the east campus grounds. To determine our options we should use:
 - Recommendations/options presented by our architectural firm.
 - Administration recommendations.
 - The facilities committee should evaluate the recommended proposals and develop a course of action to recommend to the board.