
Needs

Overall Goal

- We need to do it right the first time not have Band-Aid fixes.

Elementary Grades

- Rippleside Elementary to remain Pre-K-6.

Classroom Addition

- Plan must include at a minimum the proposed addition with Pre-K & K rooms.

Infrastructure

- Need to complete maintenance & repair items as part of the plan.

Security & Supervision

- Need to make updates to entrances to keep the school safe and secure.

Parking Lot Pick Up & Drop Off

- Plan must add a new parking lot area over the existing baseball field to allow busses and parents to be separate for pick up and drop off.

Special Education

- Special Education spaces must be adequately sized and properly designed to allow students and teachers space to break out areas and 1 on 1 time.

Classroom Size & Suitability

- Areas that are insufficiently sized need to be remodeled to allow enough space to meet standards (i.e. change five adjacent rooms to four)

Repurpose Existing Gym Add New

- Add a new gym and repurpose existing into commons area or classrooms.
- New gym must serve as an all-purpose space for programs and may need a small stage.
- New gym should be sized appropriately to be able to have a full sized court.

Technology

- Bring in 1 to 1 technology and investigate repurposing the existing computer lab for other needs.

Teachers' Lounge

- Plan should include cosmetic upgrades to the staff lounge area.

Action Items

Revised Plans

- New layout / drawing including the new gym.

Pricing

- Updated pricing for all of the prioritized needs as well as the items from last referendum.

Library Repurposing

- Develop a new plan that best utilizes the current library and computer lab space.

*Aitkin High School subgroup
Consensus Statements
February 3, 2016*

The proposed plan for the last referendum addresses most of the education adequacy needs identified with the exception of parking/parent drop-off and site suitability.

The MAC component of the plan needs to be larger to accommodate wrestling and weight room.

The current grade configuration should be maintained.

Additional properties near the school should be purchased to address lost space due to MAC addition.

Questions:

What is the cost of a better quality elevator?

What are the costs and requirements of a baseball field?

What are the costs of each renovation as identified in the last referendum?

Will teacher collaboration areas be available on each floor of the renovation plan?

Grade configuration rationale:

Teachers at the high school are not licensed for elementary teaching.

Lunchroom space and other support spaces will not be large enough with the additional students,

Playground space is not available.

Specialists will need to be re-configured.

There is more room (acreage) to add to Rippleside.

Moving 7/8 to Rippleside was discussed but there is not enough room to add both grades and students would not be able to take advantage of "intro" classes at the high school.

Aitkin New School Group
Meeting Notes
February 3, 2016

Previous meeting consensus Statements confirmed:

- Not a whole new PK-12 at this time (but continue to look at the cost needs at Rippleside as might make more sense to include in the end?)
- Plan for a new 5-12 and Rippleside to become a PK-4
- Will use info from the Remodel group to determine Rippleside facility and educational needs
- Discussed consolidation with neighboring districts – but concluded doesn't make sense after significant discussion
- Group feels strongly – even if outcome of this process is not a new school at this time – board should invest in 60 acres within a mile or two from the city to plan for future
- Any new athletic fields (ie if baseball field to be relocated) would be at new site

Consensus Statements:

- New School to provide space for the community: ie Community Center
- School will provide the district the space to deliver a 21st Century Education (all “green” for educational adequacy chart)
- New site to be a minimum of 60 acres and with-in a 2 mile radius of the city of Aitkin. Site to be large enough to add an elementary wing in future.

Discussion Items:

- Can the school partner with local business/city
Police Station, Hospital, etc..
- Who would be interested in the existing High School Building?
City, Community Center, County etc...
- What would be the cost to Demo the High School?
- What happens to the existing field site?

What / Who is in the new school:

- 5th – 12th Grade
- Finalize educational space program (Katie / Eric)
- Add community space program needs:
500 seat Auditorium
(2) Additional Gym Stations

Wrestling, Walking Track, Weight Room
Dance/Fitness Room
Pool
Community Education Room
Greenhouse
FACS restaurant

- Site Amenities

Football / Track (Just practice football field? Or new stadium?)

(2) Baseball Fields

(2) Softball Fields

(8) Tennis Courts

5th – 8th Grade Play Space

PE Green Space

**Add Little League field at Rippleside*

Action Items:

- Provide overall budget numbers for the Following:

New ECFE – 12 Building

New 5-12 Building

New 7-12 Building

Remodel of Rippleside (get number from Rippleside team)

Price of an additional (2) Station Gymnasium and Lockers

Price of Pool

Cost of Demo of existing HS