

Presenters:

Dr. Traci Pierce – LWSD Superintendent

Siri Bliesner – LWSD Board Director (District Five)

Eric Campbell – Market resident and member of LWSD Long-Term Facilities Task Force

LWSD School Information:

- LWSD = Kirkland, Redmond, Sammamish, a small part of Bellevue, plus parts of unincorporated King County
- 52 schools in LWSD; grew from 6th largest to 4th largest
- 1,114 student growth from last year
- 168 portables now = 14% of classrooms
- 108,000 voters in the district; 70% of voters don't have children in LWSD schools
- Around 20% of parents with children in the district can't vote because they aren't citizens
- 1,800 teachers in the district

School Facility Planning:

- 63-person Long-Term Facilities Task Force was created to work with the community on LWSD facility planning, over a 12-month process.
- One of the issues in Kirkland is redevelopment of existing houses (torn down, rebuilt) and this can have the effect of bringing in younger buyers with families. Note that redevelopment of an already-built property does not require a school impact fee.
- 1-story buildings will not be the design plan anymore. 2 story buildings, and 3 stories for high schools. Peter Kirk Elementary will be designed for 550 person permanent capacity.
- Re-use design elements; the goal is not to win awards with the school designs, but rather to be fiscally efficient
- District-wide forecasting is very accurate; neighborhood forecasting is more difficult. School designs are intended to be "future-proofed", for example with larger gymnasiums, cafeterias, so a wing could be added if needed.

Bond Information and Planning:

- 2011 was a 6-year levy, that passed (addition at Redmond, Eastlake, and build STEM school)
- Bond will increase capacity by 3,000 students
- Rebuild Juanita High School, increase capacity by 500 people, keep fieldhouse and pool
- Peter Kirk Elementary will be rebuilt
- 2016 Proposed Bond Funding = \$398M bond funding
 - + \$21M state construction assistance program funding (potentially)
 - + \$10M school impact fees

- = \$429M total potential funding for proposed projects
- The Bond (if approved) will be a 20-year term. If property values go up substantially, the percent tax rate for property owners should go down, as the bond requires a fixed amount of revenue each year for repayment. The bond will not be paid off early with excess property tax funds.

Audience Comments/Questions:

- Juanita HS is being built differently. Keeping the fieldhouse and swimming pool is an example of not tearing down existing facilities, but re-using and renovating when possible.
- Suggest spending time in the “precincts” that were under 60% in the last ballot measure, and educate them on the merits of the bond measure
- (Discussion with presenters) Portables are not desired, but are viewed as a better solution than busing schools outside of their neighborhood school.

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