

## **QUESTIONS from November 2 Community Meeting**

- 1. Parking during construction?** *Parking will of course be different and perhaps challenging during our building process but we will keep the safety and security of all in mind as we design this.*
- 2. Naming "Faircrest/Walker" ?** *No decisions have been made on naming the schools on the Faircrest Campus at this time, however we will seek community input as part of the process.*
- 3. The "Faircrest" name? Significance?** *Interesting question! We will need to do significant research and seek input as we name the building (and roads!) on the Faircrest Campus.*
- 4. Gym space at K-8 building?** *The current gym at FMMS is a regulation sized middle school competition gym. We will continue to use that for our middle school competitions and to use the current locker space as part of our middle school program. There will also be a new gym built in the new middle school that the elementary students will utilize.*
- 5. All (high school & middle school) 2-story?** *Yes.*
- 6. Asbestos in Faircrest? Needs removed?** *While there is asbestos in Faircrest, we will only need to abate the sections that will be affected by construction.*
- 7. Middle school baseball fields?** *The baseball field that is located on the current FMMS property is a community field, not a school based program field and we will not (at this time) include adding it to the new football field due to costs. A middle school baseball field could be added to the list of wants "Beyond the Bond", future needs.*
- 8. Playground equipment moved to new facility?** *We will need to determine if it is feasible to do cost-wise before we make a decision.*
- 9. Cafeteria @ K-8 two separate areas to eat?** *Yes, cafeteria for each served by one kitchen.*
- 10. What location will Central Office operate from?** *Central Office will be located in the new Canton South High School and the current location will be eliminated.*
- 11. Operation cost estimates – compared to current?** *In general they should be less. Less square footage, centralized building locations, fewer buildings, more energy efficient buildings, and more efficient bus routes.*
- 12. Will there be a walking path?** *As we look at the drawings of the entrances and exits it certainly looks like we could design a walking path and we will keep that on our list of needs.*
- 13. Can kids walk home from Faircrest?** *Yes if they live within safe walking distance. This promotes healthy physical activity also!*
- 14. Will there be a field house at high school for indoor practices, activities, etc? Auxiliary gym?** *There will be two gyms (one is competition sized) and a multi-purpose room at the high school.*
- 15. JOBS – Consolidating kitchen/buses/classified? Attrition?** *This project will be completed by the fall of 2015 given a positive result on March 6. We do not anticipate any reductions in personnel but reduction through attrition.*
- 16. A plan for community use?** *We are committed to having a plan to have the community utilize our meeting spaces, our auditorium and fitness facilities. Our goal is to do this in partnership with community groups to save costs.*
- 17. A plan for security for gym?** *We will have campus-wide security plans including cameras and considerations for entrances as well.*
- 18. A Community Center, why is this the school's responsibility? Why not the township?** *Any time there is an opportunity to partner and utilize space fully it is our*

responsibility to provide. Canton Local Schools is the centerpiece of this community and any time the schools can partner with the community, it will only enhance the community and it's families.

**19. What happens to the property once torn down?** *We will continue to explore all options for our empty properties.*

**20. HVAC (Heating/Air Conditioning?)** *Yes in all of our buildings upon completion of the project.*

**21. Why do we need new schools?** *Our schools, though well taken care of are anywhere between 40-70 years old (newest wing on high school built in 1976.) The cost to repair will soon be beyond what our Permanent Improvement funds can provide. In addition, the technological needs of our students cannot be met with our current facilities. All but two school districts (Canton Local and Marlington Local) in Stark County have addressed their building needs. Our children and our community deserve the opportunity to have new buildings. We have presented a well thought out, and affordable, plan to put to the voters to decide in March, 2012.*

**22. One local campus?** *On 11/2/11 we presented a two-campus plan, which is located in the most populated part of this district. When we did a study of where our children and families lived it was clear that an overwhelming majority of our families live in the central location of Cleveland Ave/Faircrest area. The two-campus plan gives us a flagship community high school on the corner of Cleveland Ave and Faircrest while the second campus will be very close off of Faircrest.*

**23. Consolidating busing with kids 5-18 yrs. old?** *There are no plans at this time to consolidating transportation district-wide.*

**24. Baseball field location?** *This is part of our extended master facilities plan and not part of the Bond Issue. We will work on the baseball field relocation as part of our future work.*

**25. No bells?** *Currently there are no bells at the middle or elementary schools and this practice would continue.*

**26. Dome roof w/skylights at Faircrest?** *Exact details of design will not begin until after March 6, 2012.*

**27. Will traffic lights be added?** *We will work with the township and ODOT on this. Certainly our desire would be to have traffic lights to aid in safety and traffic control but this is not a district decision.*

**28. Will we lose gym space?** *No, we will have slightly more gym space with this plan.*

**29. Do we own land at Prairie College?** *Yes, Canton Local Schools owns the Prairie College property.*

**30. Will there be solar panels?** *We are looking in to having the most efficiently run buildings and will explore all options.*

**31. Why did you choose to build the NEW building for 6-8th grade?** *This decision evolved since our meeting on September 28. At that meeting there was discussions about keeping the 5th grade with the elementary. This spurred the Site Based Team to discuss making the current FMMS an elementary that could house PreK-5 and build a smaller middle school would also cost less to build.*

**32. What is the square footage of "old South" vs. "new South?"** *The current Canton South HS including the annex is 195,000 sq. ft. Due to the additions over time this includes a lot of wasted spaced. The new South Campus will be 177,000 sq. ft. including the annex.*

**33. What is the square footage of "old Faircrest" vs. "new Faircrest?"** *The new middle school will be approximately 68,000 sq. ft. while using some of the current FMMS. The current square footage of FMMS is 106,000 sq. ft.*

- 34. Any plans for geo-thermal energy?** *We are looking in to having the most efficiently run buildings and will explore all options. As we have talked with other districts that are doing this, they appear to be having many issues with it.*
- 35. Are classrooms going to be able to adjust the temperature?** *The new buildings will have computer generated temperature climate control that will not include individual classrooms. This is similar to our houses not having individual controls in every room.*
- 36. What would the “arts” look like in the high school and how would the elementary and middle school use it?** *The internal design and needs have not been determined. We will spend 9-12 months after the passage of the Bond Issue in this design phase, which will include meetings with the community and staff.*
- 37. What is the plan if population/enrollment increases?** *We would see this as a wonderful opportunity! Our trends over the last 10 years indicate a steady decline in enrollment and we believe we are at current enrollment stabilization. If there would be a significant increase in enrollment we still have enough space to accommodate more students with our “new” space. We currently have Open Enrollment that allows students from other districts to attend and this could be eliminated if our enrollment took a significant increase as well.*
- 38. Cost to our area businesses?** *Businesses pay property taxes on their business property the same as a homeowner. Depends on property value of the business. During construction, some businesses will benefit.*
- 39. Why would we NOT have parent drop-off coming off of Faircrest?** *As Faircrest currently exists there are tremendous issues with parent drop off. It is safety best practice to have separate entrances for parent drop off and bus drop off.*
- 40. How would we fit PK-5 in a building that has only held grades 5-8?** *Based on OSFC’s formula for square footage per student, there is more than adequate space at Faircrest to accommodate our enrollment PK-5.*
- 41. Concerned about car traffic through Weaver Ave/Steiner allotment?** *WE will continue to study the best traffic pattern for both campuses. The drawings from 11/2/11 are certainly not in their final form.*
- 42. Possible easement half way-back from Faircrest?** *This could be explored.*
- 43. Possible lease of Walker to SCESC or others/educational?** *While this is possible, our current lease with the SCESC does not cover 100% of the costs of operation of that building.*
- 44. Buy last house (on Cleve Ave) for parking?** *We are exploring this option.*
- 45. Use methane from old landfill to heat Faircrest campus?** *We are looking in to having the most efficiently run buildings and will explore all options.*
- 46. How do we help retirees “buy in?” Purchase bonds? Impact March issue?** *Campaigning for a Bond Issue brings its challenges and particularly to our retirees. We have worked to bring forth the most affordable, high quality and Canton Local pride plan. This project brings jobs to the community, brings revenue (to our area businesses) and enhances the look of a viable community as well as enhances property values. When the bonds become available we would welcome local involvement.*
- 47. Redistricting? Is it a future possibility? How will it impact March bond issue?** *If this question refers to consolidation of districts we are not aware of any talks at this time. Gov. Kasich believes in finding ways to cut costs and consolidation is on his list. There are many ways that the school districts in Stark County share services to save money but keep local identity (Insurance costs, purchasing of paper, buses, etc.)*
- 48. Can the proposal stay on a \$43 million (ambitious) budget?** *Yes, as part of the bond issue, we commit to stay within that budget.*

**49. Plan accuracy = actual cost?** *The plan is based on number of students x sq. ft./student x cost. As our plan was proposed on 11/2/11, we do not have the actual design of the campuses, we only know square footage needed which determines our costs. Given our current information, the plan will stay on budget and meet the needs of our students.*

**50. Ohio Construction Reform Law – effective 6/2012?** *We will work with advisors including lawyers well versed in this law to assure compliance.*

**51. What's the timeline?** *With a passage of the Bond Issue on March 6, 2012, we would most likely break ground the spring of 2013 with completion of both projects by August, 2015.*

**52. Will salaries and teachers be “cut” to fund this?** *Building projects are not funded with the same money/budgets as salaries. This project will be funded by our March 6 Bond Issue. Salaries are paid for through operating levies.*

**53. Will a medical facility be part of the plan?** *While we are open to such partnerships and our plan is flexible to include, there isn't a medical partner at this time.*

**54. How long to construct? Demolish/raze?** *Given a passage on March 6, 2012. Our timeline for both campus completions would be August, 2015.*

**55. How will they “separate” the middle school from the elementary?** *The internal design has not been determined but this will be addressed. We also want to encourage partnerships between the two schools as well.*

**56. How are we adapting/adjusting during construction in the learning environment?** *The good news with this plan is that we will not need to relocate any of our schools. There will be construction going on during the school year of course and the construction areas will be well sealed off from non-construction workers. There will certainly be some inconveniences but the end result will be worth it!*

**57. Will 5th graders get playground time back that they lost?** *Physical activity is important for every child and part of our “Nifty Fifty” program to inspire Canton Local to be the healthiest community in Ohio.*

**58. Why demolish old buildings? (Site specific issues, past issues?)** *The plan calls for the demolition of both buildings because we have a commitment to the township to not leave buildings empty.*

**59. Would the Walker/PC properties ever be used for ballfields?** *The plan calls for the demolition of both buildings because we have a commitment to the township to not leave buildings empty. We are always open to buyers who may be interested in these properties.*

**60. Suggestions for placement of restrooms and main entrance to stadium?** *Actual placement has not been determined, only costs. We will work with a team to determine the best location.*

**61. Maybe we need behind-the-scenes tours for the community to see our flaws/issues?** *We are planning on developing a video of our current schools and our new plan. In addition, any community member is welcomed to contact the building principals for a tour.*

**62. Is Canton Local thinking of annexing parts of other school districts to increase enrollment?** *No... This is not something a school district can do (or would even be interested in doing.) The school district boundaries are set and are not able to be changed by individual districts.*