Opening Remarks
Purpose of Tonight’s Meeting

- Revisit the need for a new Hillwood High School
- Present the work that has been done on this project since 2014 and provide a summary of feedback that has been collected
- Review the three options for a new Hillwood High School
- Collect feedback on these three options (Public Participation later this evening)
Current Conditions of Hillwood High School

David Proffitt, Director of Facilities Planning and Construction
Chris Weber, Director of Student Assignment
Building Conditions

• Facility Assessment Score of 69.9
  • Average facility assessment score in the district is 81.5
  • Renovation of existing building would require complete building shell reconstruction.

• Configuration of existing school building
  • 12 building areas constructed over 42 years
  • Some portions not originally designed as a high school learning spaces. Configuration not conducive to modern educational practices.

• Cost to renovate exceeds 85% of the cost of a new building.
Building Conditions
Hillwood Cluster - HS Student Race

Bellevue AOI

Race of AOI
- 1 American Indian
- 1 Pacific Island
- 39 Hispanic
- 41 Asian
- 117 Black
- 330 Caucasian

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Notes: selection of Area of Interest, local knowledge and topographic constraints (total 529)
### Hillwood HS\Hope Park Church Study

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**Notes**

1 and 1.5 mile straight-line radius from Hillwood HS and Hope Park Church

1.5 mile radius for Hillwood HS was clipped at the cluster line with Hillsboro HS

Zoned - Attend zoned elementary, middle or high School

Other MNPS - Attend a optional school, open enrollment, magnet or charter

Private - Attend a private elementary, middle or high School

Private school data is from 2015-16
Project Summary

Chris Henson
Chief Operating Officer
Project Summary

• Under consideration since 2014
  • Original site study completed in October 2014
• Community meetings
  • February 2015
    • Approx. 100 attendees
    • Takeaways: Explore all options to avoid selling the Hillwood campus to a developer, including renovating the existing high school
  • November 2015
    • Collected approx. 300 individual comments at four meetings
    • Takeaways: The community is divided on the best way to modernize Hillwood to benefit all students
  • July 2016 (hosted by Board Member Amy Frogge)
    • Nearly 200 attendees
    • Purpose: Announce Hope Park Church site as an option for relocation
Project Summary

• In November 2015, Metro Schools provided four options to the Board:
  1. Renovate the existing Hillwood High School
  2. Build a new high school on the current Hillwood campus
  3. Relocate to the Bellevue Middle campus and build a new high school
  4. Relocate to the Bellevue Middle campus and build a new high school, a new middle school, and a new elementary school

• Board approved capital improvement budget request for design and planning two options:
  • Build new high school on current Hillwood Campus
  • Relocate to Bellevue Middle campus and build a new high school

• Hope Park Church site announced as an option in July 2016
Hillwood High School Options

David Proffitt, Director of Facilities Planning and Construction
Chris Weber, Director of Student Assignment
OPTION 1: REBUILD ON HILLWOOD HS CAMPUS
Rebuild on Hillwood HS Campus

- **Estimated cost:** $76.6 million (no land purchase required)
- **Student capacity:** 1,600 students
- **Student assignment and transportation implications:** High school would remain centrally located to current Hillwood High School population (including those with a zoned option from a Pearl-Cohn cluster); nearest MTA stop is on Harding Pike
Rebuild on Hillwood HS Campus

- **Construction considerations:**
  - Phased renovation
  - Students remain in current building during construction
  - Current building demolished after students relocate to new facility

- **Land use implications:** No existing municipal facilities would be impacted.

- **Additional considerations:**
  - Two-story high school
  - New tennis courts and soccer field
  - Baseball and softball fields would be displaced for two years.
  - Allows for potential of Westmeade ES to relocate to Bellevue MS campus
OPTION 2: RELOCATE TO BELLEVUE MS
Relocate to Bellevue MS

- **Estimated cost:** $81 million (no land purchase required)
- **Student capacity:** 1,600
- **Student assignment and transportation implications:** High school would be closer to potential student population growth in the cluster and farther for students from Pearl-Cohn cluster; better MTA access
Relocate to Bellevue MS

• **Land use implications:**
  - The following would remain:
    - Red Caboose Park
    - Bell Garden would be reconfigured
  - Relocate Bellevue Community Center (additional $5 million)
  - Relocate Fire Station 37 (additional $4.5 million)
  - Build a new parking garage to accommodate the new high school
  - Colice Jeanne no longer used for through traffic

• **Construction considerations:**
  - Hillwood students remain in current building during construction
  - Current Hillwood High School available for other potential community use
Relocate to Bellevue MS

• Additional considerations:
  • Three-story high school
  • Two-story parking deck
  • Baseball field would be located on an off-site facility
  • Eliminates possibility of relocating Westmeade Elementary to this campus
OPTION 3: RELOCATE TO HOPE PARK
Relocate to Hope Park Church

- **Estimated cost:** $90.8 million (land purchase + building costs)
- **Student capacity:** 1,600
- **Student assignment and transportation implications:** High school would be closer to potential student population growth in the cluster and farther for students from Pearl-Cohn cluster; the closest MTA bus stop on US-70S, east of the I-40 underpass
Relocate to Hope Park Church

- **Land use implications:**
  - Some modifications would be made to US-70S to add right turn lanes into the campus entrance

- **Construction considerations:**
  - Hillwood students remain in current building during construction
  - Current Hillwood High School available for other potential community use
Relocate to Hope Park Church

• Additional considerations:
  • Three-story high school
  • All new sports facilities on site
  • Allows for potential of Westmeade Elementary to be relocated to Bellevue Middle campus
  • Ample parking
  • Site allows for potential Metro Parks partnership to create a new park
Diversity Study

Chris Weber
Director of Student Assignment
Student Diversity Study

• Conducted by Leonard B. Stevens in June 2016
• Findings
  • Current Hillwood students live in roughly equal proportions north and south of the current school.
    • 51% - Charlotte Park and Pearl-Cohn areas
    • 44% - Bellevue
    • 5% - Other areas
  • Without zoned option students, Hillwood enrollment would be smaller and less diverse (50% white, 27% black).
  • Relocating the school to the south end of the cluster would move it farther away from its black students and closer to areas of white students.
Student Diversity Study

• Summary of conclusions:
  • District needs to consider where all students live who are entitled to attend Hillwood HS.
  • District should seek to locate the school where it is reasonably central to all students.
  • District should give significant weight to how a school location impacts the school’s diversity.
  • District should make a decision that affirms its commitment to preserve, support and further diversity.
  • This project is an opportunity for the district to reevaluate how to strengthen attractiveness of the Hillwood cluster to zoned and zoned option families.
Student Diversity Study

- Overall recommendation: Rebuild Hillwood High School at its present site.

- Justification:
  - Data and enrollment projections do not suggest that a relocation would benefit a majority of the students.
  - No study has been conducted to support the idea that relocating to Bellevue would attract more zoned students.
  - Relocation poses a high risk of losing diversity.
Traffic Study on Hope Park

David Proffitt
Director of Facilities Planning and Construction
Traffic Study on Hope Park

• Conducted by RPM Transportation Consultants, Inc. in July 2016

• Purpose: Analyze the traffic impact of building a new school at the Hope Park Church site

• Conclusion: Traffic impact would be manageable by implementing several recommendations:
  • Extend 40mph speed limit on US-70S by 1,050 feet
  • Install school entrance warning assemblies on US-70S
  • Restrict on-street parking on Hooten Hows Road
  • Add turn lanes on US-70S
  • Other similar improvements to improve traffic conditions in surrounding area
Community Feedback

Janel Lacy
Director of Communications
Feedback on Option #1: Rebuild on Hillwood HS

• In favor
  • School is more accessible to students who live in the north end of the cluster
  • Least expensive option to build a new school
  • No impact on municipal facilities
  • Keeps the school and all athletic facilities on one campus

• Opposing
  • Only accessible by car – long bus rides and limited options for walking to school
  • Far away from students who live in Bellevue
  • Similar costs to relocating the school
Feedback on Option #2: Relocate to Bellevue MS Campus

• In favor
  • Closer to students who live in Bellevue
  • Will attract more families who are relocating to Williamson County
  • No swing space needed during construction
  • Better public transportation options

• Opposing
  • Farther away from families in Charlotte Park and Pearl-Cohn areas
  • Affects Colice Jeanne Road
  • Athletic fields will be separate from school and will make it too hard for some students to participate
Feedback on Option #3: Relocate to Hope Park Church

• In favor
  • Closer to students who live in a growing area of the Hillwood cluster
  • Increases opportunity for Bellevue area parents to be involved at the school

• Opposing
  • Farther away from families in Charlotte Park and Pearl-Cohn areas
  • More difficult for students who use MTA to travel to and from school
Board Discussion

Jana Carlisle
Chief of Staff
Considerations

- Equity
- Access
- Program
- Fiscal Stewardship