



**To:** Attendees  
**From:** Annie Bearss | AB  
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**Subject:** Independent School District #623  
Roseville Area Schools: Long Range Planning Process  
September 20, 2016 Activities and Community Committee Meeting #2

*This meeting was held at Roseville Area High School at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 20, 2016 to continue discussing the needs of the district from the perspective of the Activities & Community Committee.*

**Discussion Topics:**

- A. The group discussed the need for an improved football field at Roseville Area Middle School as well as improvements at the track. In comparison to the other athletics facilities at Roseville Area Middle School, these are very low quality.
- B. There is a lack of space for after school programming and targeted services at the elementary schools. This is partially due to several city partnerships for shared gymnasium use.
  - 1. There was general agreement that the continuation of city partnerships is a positive thing. However, it may conflict with the above statement.
  - 2. It was generally agreed that a solution is necessary to resolve before/after school space conflicts.
- C. There is a need for more appropriate large group meeting space. This could be used by teachers during the school day and by adults or community groups in the evenings.
  - 1. It would be desirable to have the ability to break this larger space into several smaller spaces. (Similar to a convention center).
- D. There may be spaces in the district that are currently underutilized. These spaces could fulfill a need if they were improved and more durable (ex: outdoor spaces at elementary schools).
- E. The group discussed the topic of having some Roseville Area High School athletics take place off-site.
  - 1. Currently a significant number of athletics are already off-site including swimming, hockey, cross country, etc.
  - 2. It was generally agreed that it would be ideal to have as many athletics as possible on-site but it is not feasible to stipulate in the committee criteria that all high school athletics take place exclusively on-site. Vaughn Dierks reminded the group that if they were to require that all Roseville Area High School athletics take place on-site, it would be very limiting for the options committee in the next phase of the long range facilities planning process, and would require acquisition of neighboring property to accomplish.

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- F. The permanent fence on the baseball field limits flexibility.
- G. The group discussed current rec-center use in the area.
  - 1. Some rec-center activities are absorbed by the Shoreview and Midway YMCAs.
  - 2. The topic of a centralized community center was discussed and it was generally agreed that the functions of a community center do not necessarily need to be neighborhood based. This is also true for senior citizens.
  - 3. It was mentioned that in the future, senior citizens may be more motivated to seek involvement in the community versus solely seeking company of peers.
- H. From a scheduling perspective, it is necessary to have two pools. It would be ideal to update both existing pools.
- I. The lack of performance space was discussed.
  - 1. One of the reasons scheduling the auditoriums is so complex is the lack of proper set building space at Roseville Area High School and Roseville Area Middle School.
    - a. Adding a theater onto the existing Roseville Area High School is not ideal due to its location at the front of the high school.
    - b. It may be feasible to have a scene shop at Roseville Area Middle School.
- J. Wold reminded the group that if their criteria align with the criteria of the other two committees (Educational Criteria and Physical Conditions) it would be more likely to receive support during a referendum. It is common for the activities/community related content of referendums to receive more scrutiny than educational elements. However, incorporating elements into the referendum that will benefit the community as well as the schools may increase the amount of people potentially affected in a positive way.
- K. For the next meeting it will be helpful to quantify the number of gyms needed and the size of the spaces need to begin crafting criteria based on this need.
- L. Wold will distribute meeting minutes following each meeting and will coordinate with the Communications Committee regarding methods of informing the general public. Independent School District #623 will also post meeting contents to the District website ([www.isd623.org](http://www.isd623.org)).
- M. Next Meetings:
  - 1. Thursday, October 6, 2016, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM.
  - 2. Monday, October 17, 2016, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM.
  - 3. Thursday, November 3, 2016, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM.

cc: Vaughn Dierks, Wold