

West Valley School District #208
Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee
Tues, May 6, 2025
Minutes

Peter called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and he led a short ice-breaker.

Phil Crocker reviewed info from the past meetings where the committee had identified three school sites as the top priorities: Ahtanum Valley, Mountainview, and the Mid-Level Campus.

Phil shared information about the cost for interior upgrades at each site, the cost for additions, and the cost for a full modernization.

Phil shared information about the tax structure and the ability to raise funds through a bond. Phil also shared information about matching funds for the Mid-Level Campus.

Committee members asked for information about the potential for matching funds for Ahtanum Valley and Mountainview. Phil said he would get that information for the next meeting.

Phil shared that he met with the facilities department and district administration to identify additional projects that are “big-ticket” items that could not be covered by the maintenance budget. Phil shared these different projects from across the district. In addition, Phil shared a remaining item from the most recent long-range facilities plan. The remaining item was the need for administration building and for parking for high school events, such as tennis, football, soccer, and track/field.

Phil shared that the School Board has stated that they would like to see the recommendations from the committee prior to making a final decision regarding the defeasement of funds from the previous construction project.

Committee members discussed various options. Committee members came to consensus that they would like to get more information about full modernization, rather than interior upgrades. Committee members would like to see a draft of a plan that would include the following:

Addition to the current middle school so that the school could serve students in Grades 6, 7, and 8.

Once the construction for the addition to the middle school is completed, move students from Grades 7 and 8 from the junior high to the middle school, and, move students, temporarily, from Ahtanum Valley and Mountainview to the junior high. This would allow for full modernization of Ahtanum Valley and Mountainview.

Once the full modernization projects are completed, return the elementary students from the junior high back to Ahtanum Valley and Mountainview.

Once the elementary students are moved, then move the district office administration from the 8902 Zier site to the junior high. Demolish the administration building at 8902 Zier and create additional parking that could be used for spectators of events for tennis, football, soccer, and track/field.

As part of this plan, committee members would like to see options on how a portion of the remaining bond and matching funds could be used at the Mid-Level campus and other sites that would fit into a long-range plan as explained above.

Committee members requested that Phil develop a plan that would fit within a budget where taxpayers would be asked to continue the tax rate at a similar level with the ending of the high school bonds.

Committee members discussed the importance of asking voters to approve the bond so that there is not an increase in taxes, but, also in a timely manner where the tax rate would not go down and then there would be a request to have taxes go back up. Committee members said that it is appealing to taxpayers to hear that they can support these projects without an increase to the tax rate. As a result of this discussion, committee members asked to schedule a committee meeting in June. After some discussion, it was decided that the next meeting of the committee will be held:

Monday, June 9, 2025
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Junior High Library

Phil will develop a draft of the long-range facilities plan for the committee to review.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.