



## School Facilities Conversation

Date: Nov 12

Location: CMHS Cafeteria

Chili Served: 5:00-5:30

Meeting Time: 5:30-7:00

## AGENDA AND MINUTES

**Purpose:** to engage the community to discuss the district's facilities.

**Tonight's Focus Topic:** What did we learn from the spring, 2019 Facility Survey?

**Format:** Meetings will include activities designed to be fun, engaging, and providing everyone in the room a voice in the discussion. Dr. Kiblinger will facilitate the discussion activities.

### Agenda

**5:00-5:30 Social Time** - Chili Served for those who wish to attend

**5:30-5:35** Welcome and Overview

**5:35-5:40** Introductions at Your Table Group

**5:40-5:55** Community Team-Building Activity

**5:55-6:00** Background of Spring, 2019 Facilities Survey

**6:00-6:40** Small Group Discussion of Survey Results

- In what ways do you believe these results could be useful in our facilities conversations?
- What may be some limitations of the survey data?
- What results stand out to you as meaningful for any future facilities planning?

**6:40-7:00** A volunteer from each group will share group's discussion highlights with the rest of the room

**Next Meeting:** December 10, 5:30-7:00 with food at 5:00.

## Minutes

**Attendance:** The meeting was attended by 25 community patrons, including 4 board of education members.

- Welcome and introductions of board of education members
- Community introductions and “get-to-know you” activity
- Small groups discussed survey results and shared out their responses to the following 3 questions:
  - In what ways do you believe the survey results could be useful in our facilities conversations?
    - We know what most important things are: storm shelters, ADA requirements, elevators that work in storm, staying in same location
    - Identified a problem – 50/50 split between people wanting to keep existing or build new
    - We need to change the narrative “cost vs investment”
    - Break project down into “bites” that don’t seem as overwhelming
    - Taxes were the biggest issue
    - Need to pinpoint tax amount and show patrons how to figure their tax amount
    - Cost impacts plans
    - Getting the most for our dollar
    - Lincoln Central needs to be a priority
    - Schools & libraries bring people to the community – it’s a competitive market in SE Kansas
  - What may be some limitations of the survey data?
    - Only one-third of voters responded to the survey
    - No clear majority on some issues creates a lack of direction
    - Low participation on survey
    - Survey did not capture the demographics (can’t tell who responded)
    - Patrons are unwilling to compromise

- Inability to fill out survey on-line (may have kept some people from responding)
- Small response to survey
- Doesn't represent what the community "will" do moving forward
- A way to address needs without raising taxes or a limited tax increase
- What results stand out to you as meaningful for any future facilities planning?
  - There's strong support for welding and construction programs
  - There's strong support for ADA and school security
  - How to get a majority of voter support, especially for people sentimental about the building (meaning Lincoln Central)
  - More community input
  - Need to get residents here at meetings
  - #2 street closing
  - Don't close Carson Street
  - OK to put kids in mobile classrooms to get work done (75% said)
  - Storm shelters and secure entrances are a must!
  - Narrowing the focus of the plan and/or a voting strategy
  - Why – let's help people stop thinking of school as something we pay for and start thinking of school as something we invest in.