

Tidehaven ISD
District Program and Facilities Advisory
Planning Committee

Perceived strengths and areas of concern collected by committee members from faculty and staff on Tuesday, May 22, 2007:

Strengths:

1. Recognized schools – TAKS
2. Structural soundness of the High School building (made from cinder blocks)
3. Cooperation among staff members
4. Availability of the staff
5. Blocking of the 4th and 5th graders for TAKS
6. The teachers who have the use of LCD's (visual presenter) and Elmo's (electronic overhead) are pleased with them, especially those that are mounted on the ceiling.
7. Magnetic whiteboards in some rooms

Areas of Concern – Facilities:

1. Age of many of the buildings beginning to require major renovations
2. Even though repairs have been made water still seeps through the walls and ceilings of the main building at the Blessing and Markham campuses. (plaster is deteriorating)
3. Cost and need for continuous repairs/renovation of older buildings on all campuses
4. The plumbing at all campuses needs renovation
5. Blessing and Markham gyms and main buildings are in need of major renovation to the floor/foundation and acoustics
6. With implementation of the new 4x4 graduation requirements, science labs need to be added to the elementary campuses and updated at the junior high and high school.
7. No room for meetings with parents, for ARDs, etc. at high school
8. ISS and Distance Learning Lab are two small to accommodate students at high school
9. Electrical wiring needs replacing at all campuses
10. Close off access to underneath main building at Markham.
11. Need for additional electrical plugs in all rooms on all campuses
12. Need for larger classrooms, libraries, offices, nurses' offices, storage and workrooms
13. Faculty and staff need own restroom facilities at all campuses.
14. Restrooms on all campuses are in need of major renovations
15. Markham Elementary air conditioners and heaters need to be updated.
16. High School Ag Building/Classrooms in need of many repairs

Areas of Concern – Facilities (Cont):

17. Many metal buildings need new siding
18. Lack of an intercom system or method of communication between the classes and the office at the elementary campuses and junior high
19. Bell systems need upgrading
20. Need for additional custodial personnel so all rooms are cleaned daily
21. If all campuses were together, we could all be on the same computer network. Right now Markham is outside the network of THS, TJH, and Blessing due to distance, trees, and electrical towers.
22. Right now Markham has access to only two software programs; Blessing has numerous software programs they are utilizing. If they were together, all students would have access to the software. Most software is licensed by campus; therefore, the cost of purchasing any software would be cut in half.
23. Computer servers not in climate controlled rooms and away from harm.
24. At the high school rooms have been divided, but do not provide noise barriers
25. Shared air conditioner controls make one room comfortable and sometimes the other is not as comfortable.
26. Need for gymnasium/cafetorium for gatherings
27. Lighting for security purposes on the exterior of buildings at Blessing and Markham
28. The ever increasing need to update technology is difficult in the old buildings
29. If we had both elementaries on one campus, this would help us balance the number of students per classroom/teacher.
30. Bus loading area at Markham needs repairs
31. Sidewalk and covered walkways at Markham need improvement
32. Playground equipment at Markham needs repairs/replacement (Big bolts in slide missing)
33. There is a need for dedicated computer labs with full time teachers or aides
34. Bus barn at Markham may need to be torn down
35. Paved parking on all campuses is needed
36. Many classrooms need ceiling tile replaced (are dirty/moldly)
37. Cafeterias are too small
38. Markham campus has draining issues
39. Markham campus needs a perimeter fence
40. Windows screens need replacing at Markham
41. Some overhead screens need to be located for better visibility in rooms
42. Need for new teacher desks, chairs, student desks, VCRs and DVD players, and vacuum cleaners.
43. Two elementary campuses increase overall operating costs
44. Replace windows in first grade wing at Blessing.
45. The original six classes at the Junior High need to be torn down and replaced with eight new classes.
46. Markham campus-Storage area behind stage needs cleaning

Areas of Concern – Programs

1. Need to get ESL students on proper reading level quicker
2. With the elementary students on two campuses, the students do not necessarily have access to the same learning techniques
3. One PK-12 campuses would allow for peer tutoring/mentoring between all grade levels
4. Math teachers need more calculators – preferably one for each student
5. Teachers would like classroom books bar-coded for easier distribution to students
6. More computers needed in the classrooms.

Discussion Point:

1. Chapter 41 status would allow the school district to maximize I & S local taxes to construct new buildings rather than sending local funds to other school districts in the state.