

# Vision 20/20



## 11/11/08 Committee Meeting Notes

The Vision 20/20 volunteer facilities committee met for the second time on Nov. 11 to continue the process of developing a 25-year master facilities plan for the Westlake City School District.

**Critically Important Focus Areas:** In designing a plan, the group centered on adequate classroom space, music, technology, athletics, art and STEM areas as high priorities.

**Options:** The group agreed to analyze five options that align with priority areas identified by the community and needs addressed in data:

- *Option 1A* – One new 225,540-square-foot high school (grades 9-12); one renovated middle school with 10,650 additional square feet (grades 7-8); one new 119,679-square-foot intermediate school (grades 4-6); and two new elementary schools, both 65,488 square feet. Total cost is \$113.3 million (includes construction, demolition and asbestos abatement costs)
- *Option 1B* – Two-phase project with Parkside Intermediate renovated to a preschool-3 building and Hilliard Elementary vacated. Plan is virtually identical to Option 1A but makes limited initial renovations to all four elementary schools before phasing in new buildings. Total cost \$121.6 million (\$83.4 million for Phase 1, \$38.3 million for Phase 2).
- *Option 2* – One new 225,540-square-foot high school (9-12); one renovated middle school with 10,650 additional square feet (7-8); one new or majorly renovated 85,186-square foot intermediate school (5-6); one new 45,000-square-foot elementary school (preschool-4); three new elementary schools, all 43,750 square feet (K-4). Total cost \$117.8 million.
- *Option 3* – one new 225,540-square-foot high school (9-12); one renovated middle school with 10,650 additional square feet (7-8); one new 120,000-square-foot intermediate school (4-6); one new 52,500-square-foot elementary school (preschool-3); two new 43,750-square-foot elementary schools (K-3). Total cost \$116 million.
- *Option 4* – One renovated high school with 19,980 square feet (9-12); one renovated middle school with 10,650 additional square feet (7-8); one renovated intermediate school with 15,000 square feet (5-6); one renovated elementary school with 7,560 square feet (preschool-4); three renovated elementary schools with 6,900, 10,350 and 12,000 additional square feet, respectively (K-4). Total cost \$87.4 million.

**Administrative/Staff Perspective:** Aligning elementary schools to be K-3 and moving the fourth grade up to the intermediate school brings the buildings in line with state teacher licensure. Option 1A was the top choice, along with Option 3 as a close second. The grade level alignment aspect is similar to what has been done within surrounding districts and is educationally sound.