

Facilities Committee

Notes from meeting 4-11-23

Roll Call:

Tali Faris-Hylen, BOE
Chris Martin, BOE
Nikki Norris, BOE
Billy Hastings, Director of Operations and Maintenance
Vince Watson, Custodial Supervisor
Karin Polischuk

Absent: Elizabeth Lyons

Public Comment:

Karin Polischuk
-Concerned about excess water at Glencairn and safety issue
-Measured water at 9 in
-Kids wading in it and very messy
-What can we do about it- it also seems to be impacting the neighbors
-Cones on sidewalk because of water hazard
*Billy will address with Karin and be available for additional questions

Per Chris Martin:

-Playgrounds were always on list of things to do, but we had to finish buildings first.

Tali Faris Hylen reminded group:

-Playground package for work to be done this summer at Glencairn, Red Cedar and Donley.

Safe Routes to School

Ginger Ogilvie

-Works on applications for infrastructure improvements for city property in partnership with ELPS among others.
-SRTS uses federally funded grants
-First major grant they applied for in 2019 to be implemented this year- new sidewalks on Snyder and in Bailey neighborhood.
-What will most impact schools (two from our funding, a third from city) are pedestrian refuge islands next to Marble (crossing from Lexington), MMS (crossing from John R) and ELHS (crossing just a little west of Division). This will look similar to what we see by EL City Hall. And will include rectangular rapid flashing lights- pedestrian push buttons.
-Coming soon-Spring/summer completion
-Nicole McPherson from City (has since left) but now working with Steven Clayton (engineer at City). Any questions, he is the best person to reach out to.
-Completion of sidewalk on north side of Burcham from MMS to Timber Lane. (this is a City initiative)
-Additional funding to work with Marble and MMS to prepare them for getting used to the crosswalks. Will hopefully still have guard there. Crossing to shift a bit to the west when this is complete.
-Will also try to convince high school students to cross at Division.
-Next grant they will apply for will cover WH, Green, Glencairn and RC. Coming up with a good plan to address improvements.

-Improvements onsite to also be considered with funding- signs, traffic cones, crossing guard gear (ponchos), light up signs, etc.

-Ginger to follow up with Billy on a few things directly. i.e. Green dropoff sidewalk stops short here vs. other schools. Wants to talk about improving flow.

-Would also like to talk about a pathway connecting Gilcrest to back entrance Green.

-Ginger can facilitate conversation with Steven Clayton with City of EL and Nikki Norris re: baseball parking lot and a designated in and out.

-Status of Marble driveway to cross Hagadorn into MMS- potential talk about a blinking light. What is status on this?

Hopeful for a potential three-lane conversion (with turn lane)

Ginger heard from city that a crossing there is pretty close to Hagadorn/Burcham light.

Another convo to be had with Steven Clayton.

Agenda items:

Spring Break work

-All maintenance staff in over SB.

-There is over 800,000 sq feet in district. They cleaned the things they can't usually get through during the actual school year/workweek. 30+ staff was able to go through and do things like grout, art room floors, library book shelves, grounds made ready for spring sports, bleachers scrubbed in gymnasium, etc.

Playground update

-District gave plans back to GMB requesting more handicapped accessibility.

-Wants bid back asap- this would be for GC, RC and Donley.

Custodial in-service training

-At MMS, terrazzo floors hadn't been stripped in 17 years so they were trained to do this themselves. Plan is going to strip wax this summer to make the floors look new.

-Doing it in-house so they will save some \$\$\$ too!

Handicap doors

-ELHS and MMS doors not working at full capacity all the time.

-Did a door audit for doors to be rebuilt with Door Pro and another person to give a bid too. -

Under \$20,000 to re-work all doors at ELHS and MMS whereas new installs would be \$60,000.

Misc:

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-Select areas of City of EL doing this as well as encouraging residents to do the same.

-Billy has identified areas in which ELPS can participate and not have any bearing on athletic activities and will participate where appropriate.

Soccer nets

Request from Susan Wheeler for two soccer nets at Red Cedar. Being handled by principal.

Question from Chris Martin to Billy: How has transition from third party custodial staff to in-house?

-Billy says he's starting to see measurable and really positive difference in addressing things that haven't been addressed.

-Nice transition.

-Meaningful difference.

Billy Ordered t-shirts for Maintenance staff on back for sporting events.

Track and tennis court update

- Community Hours 7 am – 1 pm
- Nikki is person having to enforce trespassing.
- Can we make core hours different when school is in session and during summer?
- Need to protect community investment.
- What about additional signage and fencing?
- Need to keep looking into security.
- Tennis courts are open 24/7
- Maintenance could adjust a shift in the summer for courts to be locked at dusk. Can we get someone to do this? What about weekends?
- Maybe try something this summer. Nikki can poll other area schools to see what they are doing and potentially send a policy recommendation for next meeting so we can have something in place to enforce rules and community usage.

Need to set additional meetings for May and summer.

Adjournment 12:20 pm