

MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE

WOW! This Lewisville ISD community is smart, passionate, resourceful and engaged! The Groan Zone is upon us...but in a good way. You brought up so many interesting points at our meeting on Thursday evening, and we have a few to address as well. Our relentless pursuit of consensus is a journey, and we will certainly have to remember: "No one in this room will get everything they want; but everyone in this room will get something they want." Those words will ring true throughout our meetings. You are doing extraordinary work on this important project. You are honest, forthright and insightful. Most committees take longer to get to this point as a workgroup. Here are the conversations I heard that may need some clarification:

What about the Lewisville Texan Journal article regarding projects presented to the Board last week at their workshop?

The report seemed to indicate as a foregone conclusion that all of the presented projects would be part of the May 2017 bond recommendation you are considering. That is not the case. Inclusion of projects to be recommended to the Board will be at your prerogative and selection after presentations and deliberations. The District's report was simply normal protocol of the Board being informed of comprehensive facility and programmatic needs. It was not presumptive of this committee's actions. You *will* look at all of those projects. You will select some and reject some using a very transparent and equitable process. You will be fully engaged in shared conversation and decisions all along the way.

The attendance of media at open Board meetings presents challenges. One of those challenges for a reporter is condensing the plethora of information given to the Board during public meetings and the chartered work of the Facilities Advisory Committee into one 750-word article. That is their challenge. Ours is staying true to our work and to each other, and honoring the process in which we've all agreed to participate. Let's not be distracted from the agreed-upon and chartered work of this committee. You have access to all the facts and the experts. Ask whatever questions you want, even the more difficult ones. That is critical to our work and insures our transparency on the FAC.

How will the FAC become aware of the specific recommended projects and the associated costs?

Following the schedule and content in the meeting schedule at the end of each task cycle, projects in specific areas (Existing Facilities, New Facilities, Technology, Safety & Security, Fine Arts, Athletics, CTE) will be presented to you along with their associated costs and the priority assigned to each by the District. The priority schedule and definitions will be presented to you at your next meeting so that we all have a shared understanding of the criteria by which the projects were prioritized. The committee has the discretion to accept the priority assigned by the District or change those priorities when selecting projects to include in a bond referendum. You will have as much time as possible for discussion, feedback and questions. You will also

become acutely aware of the transparent nature of all information shared by the District professionals.

How can I view the Facilities Assessment?

All information discussed at meetings will be posted on the FAC page – www.lisd.net/FAC.

Is attendance at each meeting required?

As you have already seen, the information overload at the FAC meetings is intense, and from now on, the information will become even more critical to decisions. Based upon my past experience, it is very difficult for a committee member to remediate themselves if they miss multiple presentations and group discussions. Nor is it fair to participate in deliberations and discussions about projects with which one is unfamiliar and uninformed. In one committee with which I worked, two invited members did not show up until the final two deliberation meetings. This was not acceptable to the rest of the hard-working, faithful members, and I was forced to ask those two members not to participate in deliberations. If you feel you cannot attend the large majority of the meetings, you may wish to consider withdrawing from this important workgroup.

PLEASE. . .

- Refrain from sidebar conversations and/or advancing personal agendas. Remember that we are a holistic, District-focused group. Be intentional in your determination to seek the good of all students in all of Lewisville ISD. That is hard, I know, but that is your charge and challenge. You are up to it.
- Remember that your scope of work does not include the design of facilities (including educational specifications), or even rezoning to accommodate new construction. Separate committees will deal with those issues at the appropriate time.

Of course, you are always welcome to contact me and/or Amy to discuss your feedback or ask questions. We are resolute in our commitment to you and to helping you do your very best work for your extraordinary school district.

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