

Mason Town Hall notes 1/31/18

AHA

- Repairs are needed
- Reiterating need for security at entrance
- Doors on classrooms need to lock
- Age of furniture
- Lighting needs
- Filtered (softened) lighting will particularly impact ASD classrooms
- How do we convince taxpayers who don't have children in schools?
- Usable space in ...? after upgrades
- Pleasantly surprised GPPSS is considering all creative solutions for building utilization

Critical needs missed

- Computers or devices (laptops, iPads)
- Additional parking (safety issue)
 - for Young 5s and Kindergarten especially
 - utilizing playground or baseball diamond
 - long one-way driveway from Charlevoix to rear of Mason
 - circle drive off Charlevoix
- Kitchen?

Defer Town Hall notes 2/1/18

AHA

- Debate on secure doors?
 - Is it critical?
 - Yes, secure doors/areas needed because:
 - People entering doors can go anywhere in the Defer building
 - Less expensive option?
 - Would escorts be cheaper?
 - How secure?
 - What will that look like?
 - Will we scare children?

Critical needs missed

- BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) inclusive concerns
- Concerns about screen time/devices

North Town Hall notes 2/6/18

AHA

- Usage vs. Capacity concept
- Shocking – the cost of the maintenance/repair
- So much asbestos needs abatement
- Doors lock from outside classroom – not safe

Not Critical Need

- Middle School Pools

Questions/Statements

- Do not close Barnes
- Class sizes?
- How are projects prioritized?
- Open Campus – safety issue vs. freedom issue

Parcells Town Hall notes 2/7/18

AHA

- Lack of infant care
- Poor lighting
- How do we build enrollment?
- Lack of community members during town halls

Critical Needs Missing

- Auditorium seating
- Instruments

Shouldn't be on Critical Needs

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Monteith Town Hall notes 2/15/18

AHA

- SECURITY #1
- Door locks on classrooms, need stronger doors, doors with less glass
- Secure entrance area concerns
- Security cameras lacking
- Intercom/PA needing to be 2-way
- Understanding asbestos abatement was needed for floor/lighting replacement
- Inefficient lighting – at least change the tubes. If updating use green fixtures for lighting, plumbing, dryers
- Why is elementary last for repairs?
- Gym floor (student and parent input)/Kitchen in really bad shape
- Need new kitchen (student input)
- Need big office (student input)
- Need new wiring (student input)
- Need new books, drawing, lights, play food, tables, flooring (student input)
- Second floor compared to first – lacking improvements
- Lack of cooling – especially second floor
- Poor repair areas – especially kitchen, floors, ceilings, cabinets

Not Critical Need

- Flagpole – donation or fundraiser instead?
- Can boilers be re-tubed rather than replaced?
- Is cabinetry a “critical need”
- Phone system – how different from PA?
- What is the line between PTO funding (say for carpet replacement vs. district)
- Want teachers to have input on organizing/prioritizing

Missed

- Glass on classroom/room doors
- Everyone comes in one door ... parking?
- Tech availability for the future
- Mental illness services need a greater presence in schools
- Gym floor is not on list
- Why isn't air conditioning for Monteith part of the critical needs?
- Lockers are needed and not on list

Questions/Statements

- Need more “man teachers” (student input)
- How does the scope of the technology piece compare with the technology bond proposal from a few years ago? (answer: this list does not include 1:1 or classroom devices)
- Is the footprint of the school right sized for current and future needs?
- Please fix gym floor so we can put in our lunch tables – PTO raised an amazing amount of money and no result

Maire Town Hall notes 2/27/18

AHA

- Safety needs are reliant on Bond/ Security updates critical NOW (not post bond election)
- Expectation of world class isn't here
- Basement/boiler rooms seem in worse condition
- Critical needs are widespread
- Distance from door to office
- Doors - do not Lock from inside, open out, should be solid (no windows), more locked at night
- Cameras inside and outside - Increase fiber optics for police surveillance, need more secure entrance
- PA system requires movement (need immediate access to all school PA)
- George is KEY
- Surprised at lack of technology
- Bathrooms – paper towel too high, hard to wash hands
- 20+ years behind in energy updates!!! – savings in lighting/electrical/cabling

Critical Needs That Are Missing

- Secured perimeter – solid or brick fence (Kroger) – public access during daytime
- Play-yard gates
- Sidewalk improvements near garden
- Parking lot safety (speed bumps)

Shouldn't be on Critical Needs

- Lights -/+
- Critical needs all belong
- Technology needs less critical
- New furniture (replace soon but not critical)

Questions

- What is the critical needs prioritization?
- Are there grants for energy/tech upgrades? Private foundations? Philanthropy?
- Leverage in-district talent/resources (grant writers, experts, consultants)
- What is branding/PR plan for Bond?

Brownell Town Hall notes 2/28/18

AHA

- Annual investment needed \$10 million/ sinking fund provides \$2.5 million now
- Capacity/utilization
- Losing 100 students per year across 14 buildings
- BYOD/Schoolology
- M-Step – first time taking on technology this year
- Usage of building before/after school and on weekends
- Unsecure entrances/ Number of entrances / doors are critical
- Shut down breezeway
- Inspect that teachers lock their classroom doors all the time
- MPR (multi-purpose room) water leak – severe issues with lots of money spent in recent years
- Elevator – is it ADA compliant?

Critical Needs

- Leaks – repairs
- HVAC replacement
- Conversion to LED lighting
- More energy efficient
- Roofing (solar)
- Ceiling tile replacement
- Floor tile replacement
- Safety glass
- Safer doors/locks
- Pool safety

Shouldn't be on Critical Needs

- The pool

Critical Needs NOT on List

- On-site security officers for the high school

Questions

- How can we guarantee investment?
- Where is the community?

Ferry Town Hall notes 3/6/18

AHA

- How bad the boys' bathrooms are – small urinals
- Surprised by proposal to close Barnes
- Shocking financial need the district is in
- Vastness of needs for the entire district \$167 million
- \$ in vs. \$ required for maintenance
- Basic critical needs – nothing added
- OLD – facilities are ancient (bathrooms smell, terrible lighting, tiling, amount of asbestos)
- Security being a priority on needs list
- Main entrance
- Classrooms only lock from outside
- Special needs playground unsatisfactory

Critical Needs Missing

- Fence around field at Ferry
- Should there be ADA upgrades section allocated for Ferry?
- Adaptable playground for Ferry special needs population
- Elevator?
- Bathroom/changing area?
- Ongoing needs (\$\$) addressed

Shouldn't be on Critical Needs

- Do we have to do the flagpole?
- Defer paving?

Questions/Statements

- Where will you start?
- What's the Plan B if the bond doesn't pass?
- Is Compliance One info determining security needs?
- DO NOT CLOSE BARNES!!!

Barnes Town Hall notes 3/8/18

AHA

- No ADA compliance line items
- Security is the HUGE issue
- How little the cost is to the taxpayer to support the proposed bond – this needs to be promoted to the community!

Critical Needs

- Bathroom
- HVAC
- Security

Shouldn't be on Critical Needs

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Questions/Statements

- If the bond passes, does that guarantee Barnes stays open?
- Would my speech therapist be the elementary staff or Barnes if it splits up?
- Would the programs (Tuition-Based Preschool and Special Education) be split up?
- Concerns about divided community
- If Barnes staff and programs were to be relocated, then appropriate facilities and infrastructure would have to be in place in those buildings

Administration Building (389) Town Hall notes 3/14/18

AHA

- No repeat of failed Tech Bond items – bricks and mortar only
- Enrollment
- Use of PA systems ... still in use. Interesting!
- Learning North is the only building with a secured vestibule
- Lots of room at 389
- Updates still needed
- Discussion of potential for this building

Critical Needs Missing

Shouldn't be on Critical Needs

- The list is reasonable

Questions/Statements

- Yes, this building has critical needs. District, too!

Richard Town Hall notes 3/20/18

AHA

- Furniture needs, tech needs — is it necessary? Why spend so much money on vestibule if someone can break into a window, should “critical” be further investigated
- Should critical be focused on high needs
- Interesting that North cost (newer facility) was similar to South
- What is the purpose of a secure vestibule? Visitor control or security? Does it address what is necessary to keep kids safe? If other doors can be opened, is the objective accomplished?
- Should focus on relocating office at high school as a priority over elementary school
- Can't chunk it out when you talk about security... all schools should get security at same time
- Need a higher level of education for families — they need to know what the issue are with our buildings

Are there critical needs?

- Yes - critical needs
- Security!

Is there something that does not belong?

- Furniture and tech isn't critical - plumbing/roofing etc. is critical
- Can't keep kicking critical needs down the road

Trombly Town Hall notes 3/22/18

Are there Critical Needs?

- Yes!
- Safety is #1

AHA

- Lack of cameras/security
- Inside doors and locking from hallway (not inside classroom)
- PA system
- Carpet is still here
- The age of the school – 1927
- The old building systems
- Currently only spending a fraction of what we should be spending
- Cost of pool maintenance
- Basement!?

Not Critical Need

- Nope!
- Close middle school pools or lease out to bring in money
- Pierce pool
- Assure public no elementary school will be closed before November ballot (there is confusion in the community and emotions run high)

Questions/Statements

- Is vestibule needed when buzz/camera system is in place?
- Add metal detectors to vestibule
- We get it!

Kerby Town Hall notes 3/27/18 (rescheduled due to weather)

AHA

- \$20/month isn't as much as we thought
- ALL the critical needs \$111,312,000 = a crisis!!
- Long term financing
- The numbers feel overwhelming
- The demographics
- How do we keep up while playing catch up? (How did we get here?)
- Sheer volume of needs
- Funding explanation
- Age originality of so much
- PA issue
- Asbestos everywhere?!?!/That asbestos is still such an issue
- Interior (classroom/office) doors only lock from outside/So difficult to lock the interior doors!
- #1 security system, vestibule
- Library hub – replacing tiles regularly but not issue for \$\$ tech

Critical Needs Not Listed

- Windows – very difficult to open/close/lock
- Fencing – safety and security for all students
- Better space for teachers
- Bathrooms ADA compliant
- Knock it down (and rebuild!)
- Are any of these a current danger to our kiddos = security, PA
- Bathrooms leaking – ewwww
- Safety of windows – no AC results in windows open – entry point gained
- Fencing – does this include open, vulnerable points currently or just replacing existing?

Not Critical Need

- We agree it all belongs!!
- Do not agree with classroom furniture (\$142,480? Not classroom furniture though) or lighting as a high priority
- Kindergarten casing?
- Tech infrastructure spend?
- Lighting
- Floor tiles – main hall if only aesthetic (or is it a trip hazard, mold concern)

Questions/Statements

- Continuous leaks all over the building ... is that causing mold?

South Town Hall notes 4/12/18

AHA

- Locker rooms terrible
- Lack of cameras
- Doors can't lock from inside the classroom
- Unsecured doors
- Freight elevator – for students, really??!, ADA access, not reliable
- Water damage in rooms and leaks in Boll center basement
- How much is old/sheer volume of repairs necessary
- Deferred maintenance. Not enough allocated toward maintenance and staffing (question regarding privatization – not to do it but whether it was done and had impacted, why can't we retain staff)/cleanliness everywhere
- Lighting
- Temperature extremes
- Embarrassing
- Inside does not match outside
- Prior preservation efforts – sliding affects donations
- Fire alarms/Pas not functioning!
- Wireless technology – Age of Smartboards (outdated)
- Keeping up with technology \$ and the building
- Mold!!!
- Marketing is critical for rolling out the bond – ask students what is important to them. Community reacts to students

Critical Needs Missing from the List

- Press box (nothing fancy – just safe)
- Girls locker room (visiting schools and our own children see/use these)
- Furniture – desks, chairs breaking frequently in classrooms
- Staff/people to do maintenance
- Air quality testing – to help prioritize
- Increase class size

Not Critical Needs (Omit or question)

- Flag poles
- Parking lot paving
- Fence replacement
- Track
- Baseball – Turf?
- Pool deck – fairly new – why?
- Walk-in cooler
- Toilet renovations
- Lighting and ceilings
- Classroom tech – need all 3 – desktop, laptop, tablet?
- Are the costs competitive for flag poles, scoreboard, lighting, secured entry?
- Get rid of may needs that aren't critical

Questions

- Why is North square foot \$ higher than South?
- How do you prioritize this LONG list?

Poupard Town Hall notes 4/17/18

AHA

- Surprised (pleasantly) about vestibules and use
- Building is well-maintained

Critical Needs Not Listed

- Air conditioning
- Parking lot is difficult for drop off/pick up
- Flooring

Not Critical Need

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Pierce Town Hall notes 4/19/18

AHA

- Pool usage/leverage
- Security
 - Only two cameras
 - Classroom door locks – lockdowns
 - Main entrance easily transformed to secure entrance – consider handicap accessibility
- Funding from Lansing
- Puddle of water in basement
- Peeling Paint
- Leaks in science lab – roof
- Bathroom functionality/privacy
- Electrical outlets – upgrades
- Warped stairs (worn down from use over the years)
- Classroom furniture needs updating

Questions

- Building custodians – have they been asked about building needs?
- Is there a vetting process for contractors – guarantees/warrantees?
- Do we need a pool? Could it be a common area instead – lunches, robotics, maker space?

Statements

- Rest of list is obvious
- Increase the amount being asked for, then go back to voters on regular schedule
- Pierce conditions not as bad as South