

Westlake High School
School/Community Council & PTSA Combined Meeting

Westlake Cluster
April 28, 2011 – 10:00am
Lecture Hall

Mark Pew welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the Bond Input Session. He also thanked all the members of the School/Community Council as well as the PTSA board for their hard work and dedication. Time was turned over to Rob Smith for the Bond Presentation.

Rob Smith expressed his appreciation to everyone for coming and explained that this presentation is not set in stone—it is just ideas to this point. Rob also thanked Board Member Paula Hill for being in attendance.

Process—

- A bond is like a mortgage. Alpine School District bonds for 15 years rather than 30 years to pay less interest over time, which also means less money for tax payers.
- ASD “applies” to tax payers rather than a bank.
- Tax payers approve or disapprove through the election process.

Why Bond?

- Growth
- Renovations
- Safety/Seismic issues

Why Right Now?

- The number one goal of ASD is to address the needs of all students first.
- By law, must be voted on in either November/June—we want to make it on the one in November because there is a better participation rate.
- Construction costs have declined—Now is a good time to build.
- Interest rates are good—ASD’s credit rating is Great!

ASD was founded in 1915 and had 4,906 students. Since then the student numbers have increased.

- 1940 4,934 students
- 1960 14,262 students
- 1980 26,969 students
- 2000 46,961 students
- 2005 54,773 students
- Projected number of students over the next 5 years is 10,000 students.

Previous bonds—

- 2001 Bond—passed and completed
- 2006 Bond—passed and should be completed this coming August.
- All Bond accountability can be found on ASD’s website www.alpine.12.ut.us

Bond Survey--

- 800 people surveyed
- Door to Door

- All areas were represented in the survey
- Survey asked: "How they felt about the overall education with ASD?" 72% felt good/excellent
- Survey asked "If you voted today, would you support the bond? 69% said yes

Bond Draft—

- Middle School in west area (Eagle Mountain)
- 4 Elementary Schools (location to be determined based on growth)
- AFHS and PGHS—Renovations, addition, seismic issues
- LHS—Addition, seismic issues (to be determines)
- LJHS—2nd wing built that was not originally not built
- AFJHS—Additional Classrooms
- OJHS—New Gym
- Cherry Hill, Scera Park, Meadow, Cascade—Renovations, additions, seismic issues
- Clear Creek—Main Building Rebuild
- Space Center—Take out of Central Elementary and build a building adjacent to Central Elementary.
- Other—Westmore, Seago Lily, Geneva, Grovecrest, Greenwook, Orchard, Orem
- Buy Property

Cost to Tax Payers?

- On an average \$230,000 assessed home, it would increase at a maximum \$3.00/month for 4-5 years.

Timeline—

- Feedback Community Meetings
- West Area Feedback Meeting at Willowcreek Middle School on May 11th @ 7:00pm.
- School board will decide if it will be on the ballot or not
- If they decide to put it on the ballot, it will be in November that the public will vote and hopefully will pass.

Questions/Comments—

- When would the middle school open? Possibly by the fall of 2013 if not, fall of 2014.
- How many elementary schools usually feed a middle school? 4 – 5
- Where would the boundaries be for the middle school? It is usually preferable to keep communities together as they feed from one school to the other.
- Is there a high school planned for Eagle Mountain? Not on the current bond. If growth continues, would more than likely be on the next bond.
- Would 9th grade be pulled out of Westlake and put back into the middle schools once a new middle school is built? That is the desire. Boundaries, etc. would play a part of the numbers in the middle schools. It would definitely be looked at.
- Are there plans for a bus garage in the west area? ASD would like to see a bus garage moved out here. They have contacted City Officials in both cities to discuss this issue.
- Will Westlake High School get a lunchroom? This is also something that is being looked at.