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Wolfe Steering Committee Recommendation

September 21, 2009

In the beginning...

- 1947 Addicks ISD high school students attend Katy High School
- 1961 Voters in Katy ISD agreed to consolidation of the defunct Addicks ISD with Katy ISD, increasing the district by 55 square miles
- 1968 A new Addicks Elementary School replaces the Addicks ISD building
- 1980's Addicks Elementary School name changed to Wolfe Elementary School

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Oct. 2008

Townhall
Meeting
hosted by
Mr. Frailey

WELCOME

Wolfe Elementary

Community Conversation

October 13, 2008

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Approximately 300 parents and patrons participated.

The overwhelming conclusion was to rebuild a school.

Options

- 1. Renovate**
- 2. Rebuild**
- 3. Close**

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Rebuilding determined to be best option.

Project Type (500 Students)	Estimated Total Project Cost		
	2008	2009	2010
<u>Renovation</u> Existing school and permanent addition to replace Portables (25 Classrooms) to accommodate 500 students*	\$16,784,434	\$18,462,877	\$20,309,165
<u>New School</u> (on current site) Current prototype elementary modified down to 500 students	\$13,725,987	\$15,098,586	\$16,608,444

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Enrollment
numbers
include zones

17 & 18

39 & 49

Wolfe Attendance History

School Year 2008-2009	434
School Year 2007-2008	408
School Year 2006-2007	404
School Year 2005-2006	496
School Year 2004-2005	474
School Year 2003-2004	502

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Process
presented to
Board of
Trustees

Next Steps?

Confirm our collective desire for the future

Understand the variables and considerations?

Understand what we need to make it happen?

Are we willing to work together?

Committee considers Programs

- Cost effectiveness of building a new school
 - Minimum of 500 required
 - **Grade configuration**
potential
 - K-5
 - K-8
 - K-12
- **Quality program** to draw students
 - Potential partnerships with Energy Corridor, area hospitals, etc
 - Offer choice for families both in Wolfe zones and throughout KISD
 - Sustainability

Non-negotiables

- Grade level Structure
 - Current elementary zones immediately surrounding the site should be served at the campus (38, 39, 49)
- Program Choice
 - Must possess superior academic preparation standards and meet interests not being met by other district schools

Program Investigations

Programs regarded as “best of the best” were reviewed for adaptability and congruence to high standards of the KISD community

- Tried and True
- High performing
- Parent Satisfaction
- District alignment
- K-5, K-8, K-12

International Baccalaureate

- An acclaimed academic program implemented world wide
 - Taught in state, private, national, and international schools
 - IB Primary Years Program for ages 3-12
 - IB Middle Years Program for ages 11-16
 - IB Diploma Years Program for ages 16-19

International Baccalaureate

- IB World Schools
 - 2200 schools in 125 countries
 - 500,000 students
 - 50,000 teachers
- IB World Schools in Texas
 - 24 Primary Years Program
 - 21 Middle Years Program
 - 45 Diploma Program
 - 1 school with all three programs (private)
 - IB Diploma allows students with successful completion of requirements to graduate with 24 college credit hours

K – 12 Structure

- Non-negotiables satisfied
 - Students provided with continuity in programming while enrollment increases substantially
 - Current elementary zones immediately surrounding the site should be served at the campus

Next steps: Wolfe School Program Design

- The Wolfe Steering Committee respectfully recommends for your consideration that a school of choice be built on the Wolfe site to house a K-12 International Baccalaureate Program
 - Open for enrollment to Katy ISD K-12 students as appropriate to admission criteria for their level as determined in the Program Design
 - Authorize next steps to ***design the program***

With the end in mind...

The miracle is this – the more we share, the more we have.

Leonard Nimoy
(1931-)