

EUGENE FIELD FACILITY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SILVER FALLS SCHOOL BOARD

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These recommendations were developed following four meetings of this Task Force, held between October 23, 2013 and January 29, 2014. The following Charge was shared with the Task Force at the beginning of the first meeting –

The primary charge of this committee is to develop Eugene Field School facility recommendations for consideration by the Board. While reviewing structural information is an important factor, it is equally important that consideration be given to others. These include current and future classroom/programming needs, potential for full-day kindergarten, instructional and curricular needs, technology requirements, parking access, playground access, safety needs, anticipated limitations/allowances, remaining years of use and others. The Board is hopeful that this group can engage in conversations where multiple perspectives can be considered prior to the development of recommendations.

Recommendations:

School Based

- As a result of limitations related to site size, functionality of systems, safety concerns and overall inadequacy to appropriately meet the instructional needs of students, permanently close Eugene Field School by the 2016-17 school year.
- Consider all available district property to move Eugene Field School based on economy, safety and community input. However, given information available to the Task Force, we agree that the Schlador site may be the best location for replacement.
- Create a timeline for these actions to occur.

District Based

- Proactively inform the public and provide opportunity for additional public input related to these recommendations.
- Continue operation of all other district schools.

Funding Based

- Funding levels should reflect the priority need to address the Eugene Field facility only.
- Multiple funding sources should be considered. These include a reasonable bond election amount, sale of surplus district property, grants for facility improvements, and limited use of general fund revenue. If the Board agrees to a capital construction bond, the Committee recommends a November 2014 election.

Other Recommendations

- Collaborate with Community Roots Charter School Board in planning for a permanent home for the charter school.
- Develop an Action Plan for future use of the Eugene Field School Site.