

METHACTON HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning Our Future

Subcommittee 10

HS Zone 2 (Kitchen, Pool, Boiler Room, Main Gym)

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Strengths

- What do you like about the Methacton High School building ZONE 2?
 - Accessibility for the Main gym to the outside
 - Home court feel for sporting events
 - For teaching purposes, the facility allows for many events to be occurring at the same time with 3 gymnasiums
 - We have our own pool and not going to another facility
 - Separate diving well
 - Commons area adjacent to the cafeteria
 - The pool is a good pool for swimmers
- What sets apart the Methacton High School building ZONE 2 from other high school buildings that you are familiar with?
 - We have a pool as comparison to other districts
 - We have a separate diving well
- What advantages do spaces in Methacton High School ZONE 2 have for students, parents, staff, and the community?
 - Separate gymnasiums for teaching practices for our physical education classes
 - Our pool and gymnasiums are being utilized by the community as well
- What other positive aspects can you list regarding ZONE 2 of the Methacton High School building?
 - Having expertise (staff member) in the HVAC field is beneficial to the district
 - We have certified employees to help with the maintenance of the building

Challenges

- What do you not like about ZONE 2 of the Methacton High School building?
 - Ongoing maintenance is a must
 - Why didn't we fix the issue when it first started and not waiting until it became a bigger problem?
 - Systems are dated and trying to repair and catch up is an issue
 - **THE POOL**
 - Pool is not ADA compliance
 - Problems with humidity and air quality in the pool and gymnasiums
 - Accessibility for handicapped swimmers
 - Under the pool – issue with leakage

- Hot, humid and limited spectator seating with the pool
- Pool storage limited
- Storage for physical education and athletics
- Need for a bigger pool
- Gymnasium is too small for bigger sporting events – example of basketball coaches needing to coach on the actual floor
- Rubber lining is in need of repair –
- Main gym is located below the pool
- Layout of the building
- Office Space for staff
- Location of the athletic office
- What factors/limitations in ZONE 2 of the Methacton High School building do you believe detract from your ability to have an exceptional experience?
 - Pool is not ADA compliance
 - Cafeteria has longer lines
 - Gymnasium is too small to have the entire student body – pep rally example
 - Location of the swimming pool
- What other challenging matters can you list regarding ZONE 2 of the Methacton High School building?
 - Gymnasium locker rooms and team rooms in need of repair – dated and condition of rooms in need of an update
 - The need to staff the district with more skilled workers in HVAC, plumbing, carpenter, and electrician
 - Storage for maintenance
 - Limited space
 - Need for a pool lobby
 - The flow and format to the building is complicated – 2nd floors do not meet from the east wing and the west wing
 - Crowded hallways – tough to move from one class to another
 - Elevation of the pool – flooding issue that closed the main gym
- What concerns you about the proposed Facilities Master Plan and its related budget sheet for Zone 2?
 - Renovations would be costly

Opportunities

- What advantages could we provide to students, parents, staff, and the community if ZONE 2 was different in the future?
 - More learning opportunities for students
 - Natural light
 - Easy accessibility to the building for the pool and gymnasiums
 - The need to be ADA compliant
 - Locate all gyms and pool in one area – safety purposes as well
 - Weight room upgrade
 - Indoor track above the gymnasium
 - More job opportunities – example of lifeguarding

- What would different in the above look like and what would we do in the space that we cannot do today?
- What did members of the committee learn from tours of other high schools that we ought to consider for Methacton HS?
 - Community being able to access and utilize the pool and gymnasiums – having an athletic wing
 - Placing all athletics together
 - Hosting large events with a bigger gymnasium and pool – generate revenue for the school
 - Generate pride and school spirit for the district
 - Fitness room and weight room separate from each other for students and staff
 - Indoor turf area for athletics and physical education classes
- Given that the Facilities Master Plan is replacing existing - what other considerations for this space should be considered before the investment is made?
- What should the district consider when planning for future investments into ZONE 2 of the Methacton High School building?
- Are there emerging technologies, instructional practices, school design, safety, or programs and services that should be considered in our future planning of ZONE 2 of the Methacton High School building?
- What opportunities exist with the proposed Facilities Master Plan and its related budget sheet for Zone 2?

Threats

- Are the spaces in Zone 2 important to the long term ability to provide high quality education?
- What future challenges will impact the Methacton School District if investments into ZONE 2 of the high school building are not made?
 - Opening the facility to the community will have an issue with the wear and tear on the equipment over time
 - Wrestling area and pool area are challenges to maintain with the community and school usage
 - **THE COST!**
 - Repairs to the pool
- What are some of the external forces preventing us from making improvements to ZONE 2 of the Methacton High School building?
- What factors in ZONE 2 are beyond the district's control that could place our District at risk?
 - Location of pool and gyms for the community
 - Security and Safety
- Are there technologies/trends/curricular programs/services that if not implemented in ZONE 2 could undermine the perceived value of our institution?
- What threats exist if the work outlined in the proposed Facilities Master Plan and its related budget sheet for Zone 2 are not accomplished?

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