REPORT OVERVIEW AND SUMMARY

The Bond Accountability Committee met August 15th, 2019 and submits this quarterly report to the Lake Oswego School Board to reflect activity in the timeframe of April 1, 2019 to August 15th, 2019.

The BAC had continued to receive weekly updates from the Bond Team providing a real time overview of successes and challenges. These reports have been critical to the BAC’s monitoring of schedules and budgets. In addition to these weekly updates the Bond Team has communicated with the BAC as concerns arise over the busy summer work schedule.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1) LAKERIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL:
   Demolition of the existing structure was underway at the time of our last quarterly report. Today the project has underground work complete and a significant amount of the structural footings in place. The project is currently behind schedule due to several issues with utility infrastructure coordination as well as general contractor and design team administrative work. The Bond Team believes that the lost time will be made up during the framing stages of the project.
   The construction schedule for Lakeridge Middle School must be maintained not only to get students into the new building on time but to avoid demolition and parking lot site work during difficult weather months.

2) UPLANDS / OAK CREEK
   Work at Uplands is almost complete. The project has had some added scope in order to accommodate Oak Creek program requirements. Oak Creek itself may have dry rot
damage in excess of the original allowance as well as additional scope added by the district that will need to be considered once more is known. Oak Creek is still waiting for the permit to be issued.

3) **WESTRIDGE ELEMENTARY**

The Westridge Elementary Renovation project had an extremely aggressive schedule to complete over the summer months. The project had as many as 150 tradespeople on site per day. The project did experience several problems such as underground obstructions, water intrusion and other issues that will need to be addressed at additional expense at a later date. The vast majority of the original scope of work will be completed in time for students to occupy.

4) **BALANCE OF ACTIVE PROJECTS**

Work is actively progressing at Lake Oswego Junior High, River Grove Elementary as well as Secure Vestibules and Technology Infrastructure throughout the district.

**GENERAL CONCERNS/NEW ITEMS**

1) **BOND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**

The BAC is losing 5 of the original 7 members this month. The departing members would like to thank the board for the opportunity to serve the community and hope that the board will make every effort to re-establish a strong knowledgeable committee going forward.

2) **BOND LANGUAGE**

The BAC is charged with monitoring the fulfilment of the bond language on behalf of the voters and taxpayers. In the simplest terms the bond language put before the voters stated
that the district intended to replace Lakeridge Junior High and repair or replace the district owned swimming pool.

The district has chosen to strictly define the Junior High project to be within the four corners of the building. While voters may have expected that the language meant something different. Most likely expecting that a new middle school would be commensurate with the facilities built by neighboring districts. Expecting that our district would recognize the pressing need for additional indoor and outdoor athletic facilities. The demand for which has increased significantly throughout the country since title IX was made into law and with the popularity of non-traditional sports on the rise.

Move to the pool project and the district believes that voters intended their tax dollars to go toward an Aquatic Center built well beyond the needs of the swim teams and water polo teams. A facility that will operate at an annual deficit much greater than the current $100,000 per year deficit of the current pool facility.

It’s hard to square the rationale that the same voters that are expecting an Aquatic Center were also voting for no net increase in indoor athletic facilities, no weight room, no outdoor restrooms and no improved or additional outdoor athletic facilities at Lakeridge Middle School. The two philosophies can’t both be true, and the distinction may prove difficult to explain when campaigning for the next bond cycle.

As indicated in previous BAC quarterly reports we ask that the district do a more comprehensive outreach like the one done by Parks and Recreation for their bond. Asking more global questions about what is important to taxpayers and not just a list of acute, curated interests of a the few engaged individuals that have time to attend open house forums.
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