

GLOBE Visioning Session Parking Lot Questions

Questions (Q) below were raised during the meeting or submitted post meeting by stakeholders. Answers (A) have been provided below by the chair of the Board Facilities Planning Committee (FPC). Any additional questions may be sent to Juan Archila, FPC Chair at jarchila.globe@gmail.com

Q1: Will the kids get a chance to input on what they want? My older children love having a separate campus - they may have some great ideas.

A: We are considering the best way to facilitate additional stakeholder input. This does include the kids.

Q2: While the strategic plan contemplates a 1 campus school, does this approach consider looking at properties that would could have 2 buildings (K-5 and 6-8)? What about 2 separate campuses? A combined school is a lot of kids in one building.

A: All options are being considered at this time.

Q3: Have middle school sports been considered into the plan? A facility would need to be conducive to sports if it has.

A: We are considering sports needs for upper campus as part of the plan. This is being prioritized alongside all of the other priorities.

Q4: Will you share the other potential sites and when? Will kids and parents be able to give feedback/input before a final decision? Will there be a vote on a site?

A: The decision to move forward with a site is ultimately a Board level decision. The board will strongly consider the recommendations made by the facilities planning committee which is comprised of over 15 parents with a variety of real estate, project management and planning, and architecture experience.

Q5: Are demographics and socioeconomics being considered for a new locations? How will we bring in socioeconomic diversity?

A: Demographics and socioeconomics are a factor in choosing our location. However, the location of the school facility is not the only factor that contributes to our school's diversity. The administration leads the effort for recruitment to continue to grow our school and diversify the population served.

Q6: What happens if we buy a property and the charter is not renewed?

A: If we purchase a building and do not get renewed, the building would then be foreclosed or taken back by the lender or developer who loaned us the money. There is no lingering obligation on the part of the school.

Q7: What are the top “must haves” we are looking for in a facility?

A: At a minimum, any facility we consider must have adequate space for classrooms, administrative space, multi-purpose space, physical education space, and support spaces (corridors, restrooms, mechanical rooms, etc.). It’s difficult to pinpoint a handful of items, as many are all important. The size and quality of the spaces will be determined by the existing market and our budget, and the priority must be academic/instructional spaces.

Q8: Can GLOBE purchase busses and provide satellite pick up/drop off to help resolve carpool issues? We could also stagger pick up times if that helps.

A: This comment/question has been forwarded to the administration

Q9: Are we in due diligence with any other property besides the NorthLake property?

A: We do not have any other property under contract at this time. As of December 15, 2016, we are no longer under contract at the Northlake property either.

Q10: What are the plans for computer programming and lab instruction? How much space and money will go towards STEM?

A: This question has been forwarded to the administration.

Q11: What can parents do to help the facilities committee and the board on the facilities decision?

A: Parents can attend Board and Committee meetings and contact Juan Archila, Facilities Planning Committee Chair at jarchila.globe@gmail.com with any questions/concerns.

Q12: Could we explore other churches as options for locations? (Briarlake baptist? Others?)

A: The Committee is open to all locations that may meet GLOBE’s needs. We have looked into other church properties and visited several over the years.

Q13: How much green space do we need?

A: At a minimum we should strive for an 8-10 acre site with a variety of green and other spaces for simultaneous physical play/activity across various age groups.

Q14: Why can't the current Heritage site (lower campus) be renovated? (add a floor, extend the building etc)

A: The current site can be renovated however it comes down to feasibility, both from an economic and a logistics perspective. Our current estimates do not support renovation. In addition, GLOBE is only leasing the current lower campus facility from Dekalb County Schools, which means that they can use the building for other purposes as they see fit.

Q15: If GLOBE buys a building could Dekalb county repossess it?

A: No. In this case the building would belong to the school and not the county.

Q16: Can i get Juan Archila's face tattooed on my bicep?

A: ABSOLUTELY! Go GLOBE!