

Background

The Long Range Facility Plan has been developed and updated periodically with input from the staff, administration, School Advisory Board, its Environment Committee and volunteer design and construction professionals. The plan is focused on prioritizing the educational needs of the school, long term maintenance, the life safety and security requirements, accessibility, recruitment of staff and families and the multiple extracurricular activities that the building is used for as part of Parish life.

The Plan has two basic timeframes referred to as the 5 Year Plan and the Long Range Plan.

5 Year Plan Summary

The current facility is in very good working condition and has been maintained well. The 5 year plan involves several projects for which specific funding in its entirety have not been identified. A portion of the funding has been pledged. Consequently, the Environment Committee has reviewed the list of identified projects and prioritized them. They are focused on security/safety, improving the learning environment, reducing energy use and image improvement. Some of the projects on the list have recently been completed and some are in the planning stage for prompt implementation. The list of projects not in priority order is as follows:

1. Accessibility & Media Center Project – COMPLETED AS PART OF FAITH IN OUR FUTURE 2009

- The new elevator and lifts(2) recently completed are in functioning order and allow wheelchair access to all levels of the school building.
- The Media Center has been remodeled and expanded and equipped with new technology and rearranged to allow a more efficient operation of the larger space with less staff.

2. Entrance Signage - COMPLETED IN 2008

- Signage has been installed at all major entrances of the school building to help identify where access is preferred for various events.

3. Gym/Locker Room Modifications – IN DESIGN FOR SUMMER 2010 IMPLEMENTATION

- A set of double doors is proposed to be added to access the storage room for the gym directly from the gym in lieu of the current arrangement where access to the storage room is through the Boys' Locker Room. The project would also relocate the Gym Teacher's Office to a more public and accessible location. A portion of the funding is in place.

4. Security – IN PLANNING

- Doors with Card Access Security and Improved Energy Efficiency
- Key Card Entry at some additional points to facilitate co-curricular activities safely

5. Aesthetic/Image Improvements - IN PLANNING

- Common Area Painting
- Classroom Painting
- Unit Vent Painting
- Carpeting
- Art Display
- Decal signage for various rooms
- More Prominent Sign for Media Center

6. Window and Door Replacement - IN PLANNING

- Windows by Façade
- Weather-stripping in lieu of full replacement may be considered

7. Lighting- IN PLANNING

- Classrooms
- Corridors
- Stairways

8. Acoustics - IN PLANNING

- Ceilings

9. Exterior - IN PLANNING

- Landscaping
- Fencing
- Playscapes

10. Handrails in Stairs - IN PLANNING

11. Double Egress Doors on Second Floor – IN PLANNING

- New partition and double doors would separate middle school age students from younger grades and reduce noise transfer during passing times for the middle school

12. Other Miscellaneous Improvements

- Improve Band Space – Temporarily, the band and Health Rooms can be swapped to improve the layout and provide some much needed space for a growing band program.
- Acoustical Panels and/or decorative banners/art in the Multi Purpose Room would help improve sound attenuation and “liven” the space.
- School Office Layout Improvement – Currently there is alack of storage space and nowhere for temporary place for kids not feeling well when the school nurse is not on duty. A new layout plan is being formulated

13. Capital Equipment Plan

- Currently there is no comprehensive cataloging of assets(furniture, computers, office machines, etc). A more regular planned replacement schedule and an inventory of all equipment is in planning and will be implemented at the end of classes in 2010 to help better plan large capital expenditures on a rolling 3 – 5 year interval. Large facility and system replacement costs will be included for informational purposes as the Parish maintains the facility's capital needs.

Prioritization of 5 Year Plan

The Environment Committee has prioritized the top projects they would proceed with. In order they are:

1. Gym Locker, Gym Teacher and Storage Alterations
2. Acoustical Ceilings, Painting and relighting of Common Areas Potentially in Phases
3. Painting(including unit heaters) and Carpeting of Classrooms by order of worst condition first
4. Relocation of Band Space with Health Office
5. Capital Asset Inventory and Capital Planning Process
6. Review of School Office Layout to provide sick student rest area.
7. Review of MPR Acoustic and Aesthetic Improvements
8. Pursuit of grants for relighting

Long Range Plan

The long range plan includes an extensive rearrangement of the space in between the school and the church where the former convent is currently situated. A master plan for demolition of the convent and construction of new Parish Center and School Administration Center was developed in 2003 and reprogrammed in 2008. The project is intended to address space needs that both the Parish and the school see as improvements to the function of the school or expansion of programming for both. The project may or may not include demolition of the current rectory and the relocation of the parish offices adjacent to the school offices to facilitate efficiencies of operation and to free up the space on the site for parking and pay area. The plan does not address the deficiency of the gym space for the parish and the school. This is the only major inadequacy that remains unaddressed with the long and short range facility plans.

In the long term, pending the disposition of funds and Shorewood approval, houses to the north of the school could be obtained for additional parking, expansion of the gym or other school facility needs.

The preliminary architectural program for the proposed addition of the Parish Center and School Services is included as an Exhibit to this document.