

NEW HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN PROCESS

December 2009 Update

- The Oregon Trail School District has established a number of committee's and community events to help develop the design of the new high school. They include the Bond Oversight Committee, Focus/Work Groups and Community Forums. Initially members of these groups helped identify the Design Principles on which the design is to be based. These groups subsequently have identified possible design ideas, reviewing and overseeing the selection of design options and working on the specific needs of the school building and site. There have been approximately 50 meetings of these groups since the project started which have involved hundreds of people.
- The Bond Oversight Committee consists of members of the OTSD Community, a school board liaison and school district administrative staff. They meet monthly to review the progress and development of the high school design and ensure the project is moving in the right direction. Citizen members include Bill Gallagher, Mike Walker, Jerry Knowlton, Harry DeWolf, Kimberley Nelson, and Kurt McKnight.
- There are more than 15 Focus/Work Groups. These groups have been developing the specific interior and site functions of the new High School. Typical groups, for example, include General Classrooms, Science, Career and Technical Education Programs, PE, Athletics, Music, Drama, Art, Custodial, Library, Administration, Counseling, Kitchen Cafeteria, Special Education and Building Technology. There have been over 40 meetings of the Focus/Workgroups since the design process started. Members of these groups include OTSD citizens and school staff/administration.
- OTSD citizens have participated in evening Community Forums to help develop the site and building design. There have been five Community Forums to date. The initial meetings began by identifying site use options and then the development of the site layout. Subsequent meetings have focused on the exterior design. Throughout these meetings the progress of all aspects of the design process and activities has been shared. Additionally the District has held three Open Houses in which design ideas were shared and input received about the site plan and exterior design. As the design has progressed drawings have been posted on the District's web site with a link provided for ideas or comments.
- Throughout, input from all these groups has been catalogued. Thousands of ideas have been identified. As the design has progressed they have been evaluated and prioritized based on the Design Principles. Top design ideas and options have been shared with stakeholders who have participated in the selection of preferred option. The input of all these groups has shaped the design of the new High School and their involvement will continue as the design progresses.
- In the coming months the district intends to begin the land use process with the City of Sandy. That process is required in order to begin building. In advance of the submittal of the new high school plan, the District has been meeting over the last five months with the staff of the Planning Department, Building Department, Fire Department and Public Works to share the progress of the design and coordinate code and planning requirements.