

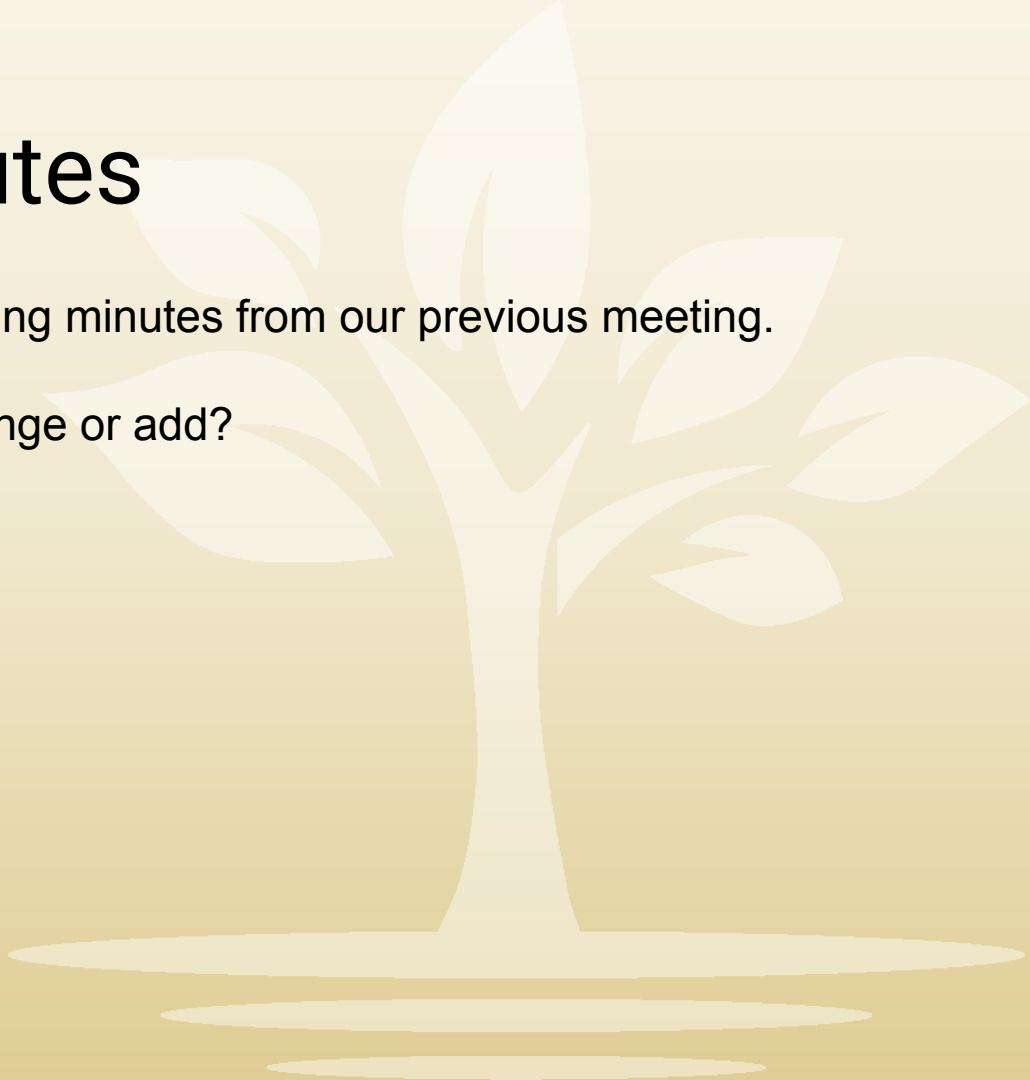
Facilities Task Force

Oct. 24, 2023



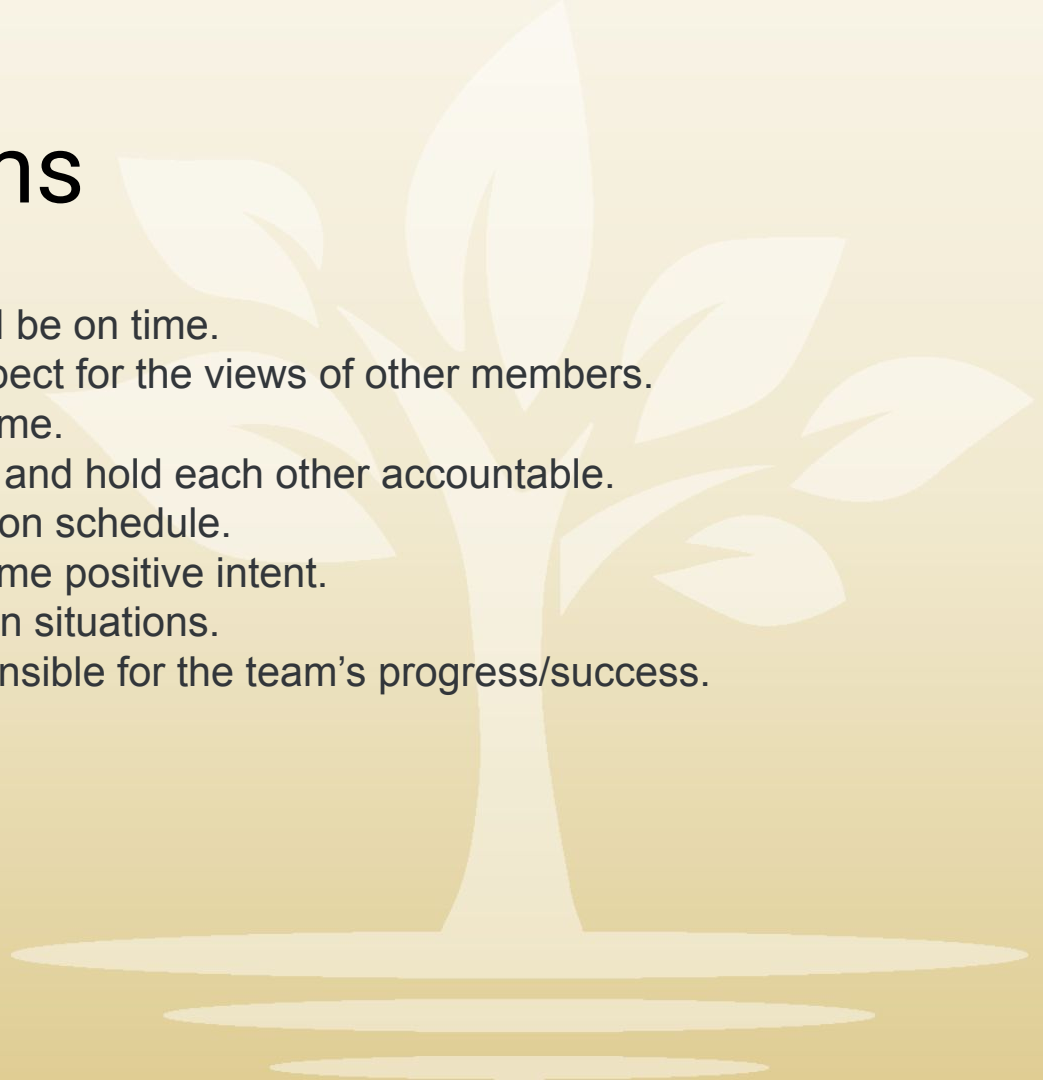
Meeting Minutes

- Please review the meeting minutes from our previous meeting.
- Is there anything to change or add?



Groups Norms

1. Attend all meetings and be on time.
2. Listen to and show respect for the views of other members.
3. All questions are welcome.
4. Be an attentive listener and hold each other accountable.
5. Carry out assignments on schedule.
6. Extend grace and assume positive intent.
7. Always strive for win-win situations.
8. Every member is responsible for the team's progress/success.



Our Process

Meeting 1 - June 22

- Task force purpose
- Review past projects
- Overview of study and survey

Meeting 2 - July 26 at 5 p.m.

- Financing for facilities projects and bonds

Meeting 3 - Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

- Site visits to Meridian Middle School and Irene Reither Elementary

Meeting 4 - Sept. 13 at 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- Tour Lynden Middle School

Meeting 5 - Sept. 26 at 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- Review all information so far
- Prioritize projects for draft recommendation to community

Meeting 6 - Oct. 2 at 5:30 p.m.

- Review cost to add fifth grade to MMS and review questions

Community Presentation - Oct. 17 at 6 p.m.

- Presentation, Q&A

Meeting 7 - Oct. 24 at 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- **Review community feedback, draft recommendation to share with School Board**

Community Feedback

- Oct. 4: Survey opened. Message to staff, families, students and community list. Posted to website.
- Oct. 6: MHS students took survey.
- Oct. 10: MMS students took survey.
- Oct. 11: Reminder sent to staff, families, community list and posted to website. Video included.
- Oct. 11/12: Letters arrived at homes and businesses (about 3,500 sent).
- Oct. 17: Community presentation.
- Oct. 23: Survey closed.

1,821 EMAIL USERS



Delivered



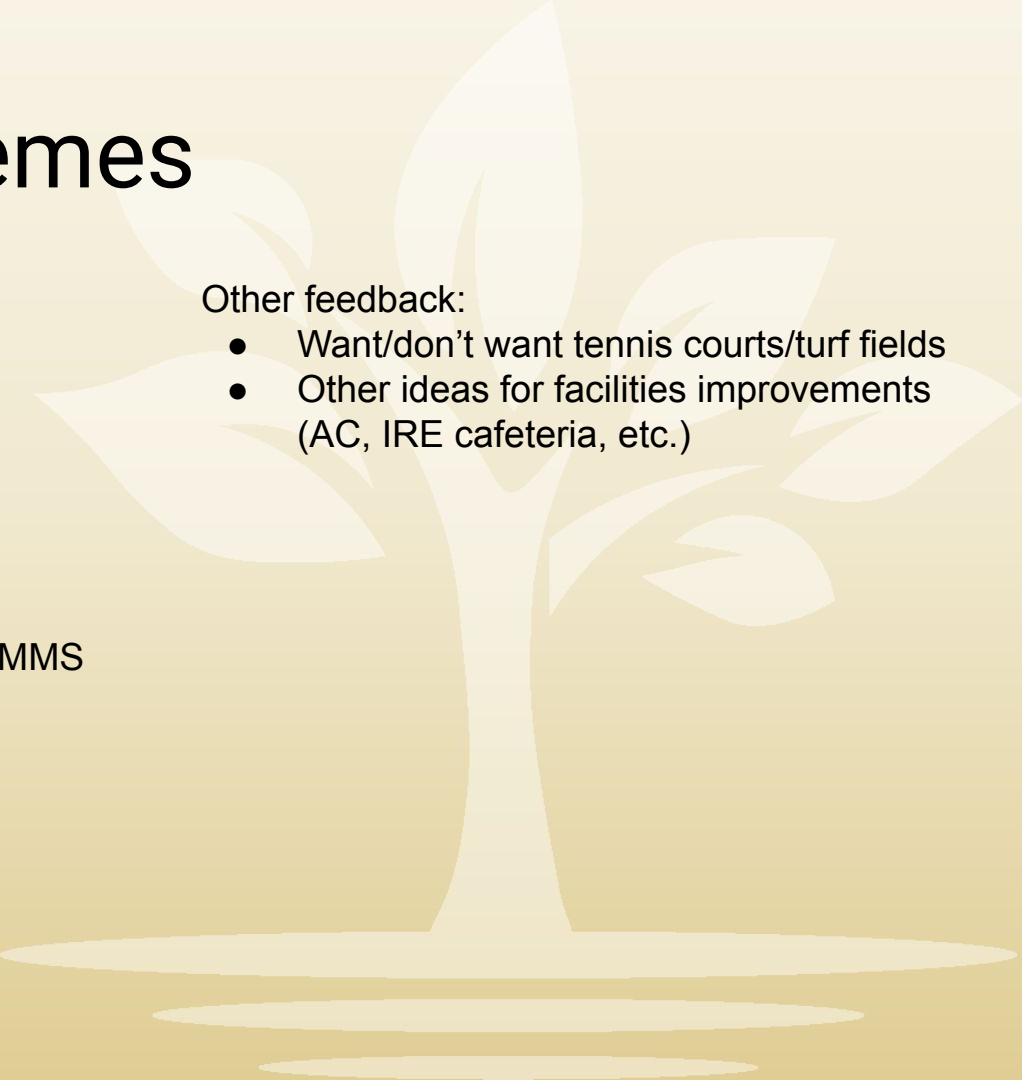
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Community Feedback



- 463 total responses
 - 235 Students
 - 130 Parents/family members
 - 63 Staff members
 - 66 Community member or neighbor
 - 11 Business owners
- Comments
 - What did you like? 251 Comments
 - What concerns/questions do you have? 250 Comments
 - Other feedback? 220 Comments

Feedback Themes



Liked:

- Building a new middle school
- Long overdue/ “about time”
- Safety improvements
- Performing Arts Center
- Stadium improvements

Concerns:

- Concerns about 5th grade at MMS
- Safety
- Increased taxes
- Overcrowding

Other feedback:

- Want/don't want tennis courts/turf fields
- Other ideas for facilities improvements (AC, IRE cafeteria, etc.)

Recommended Projects

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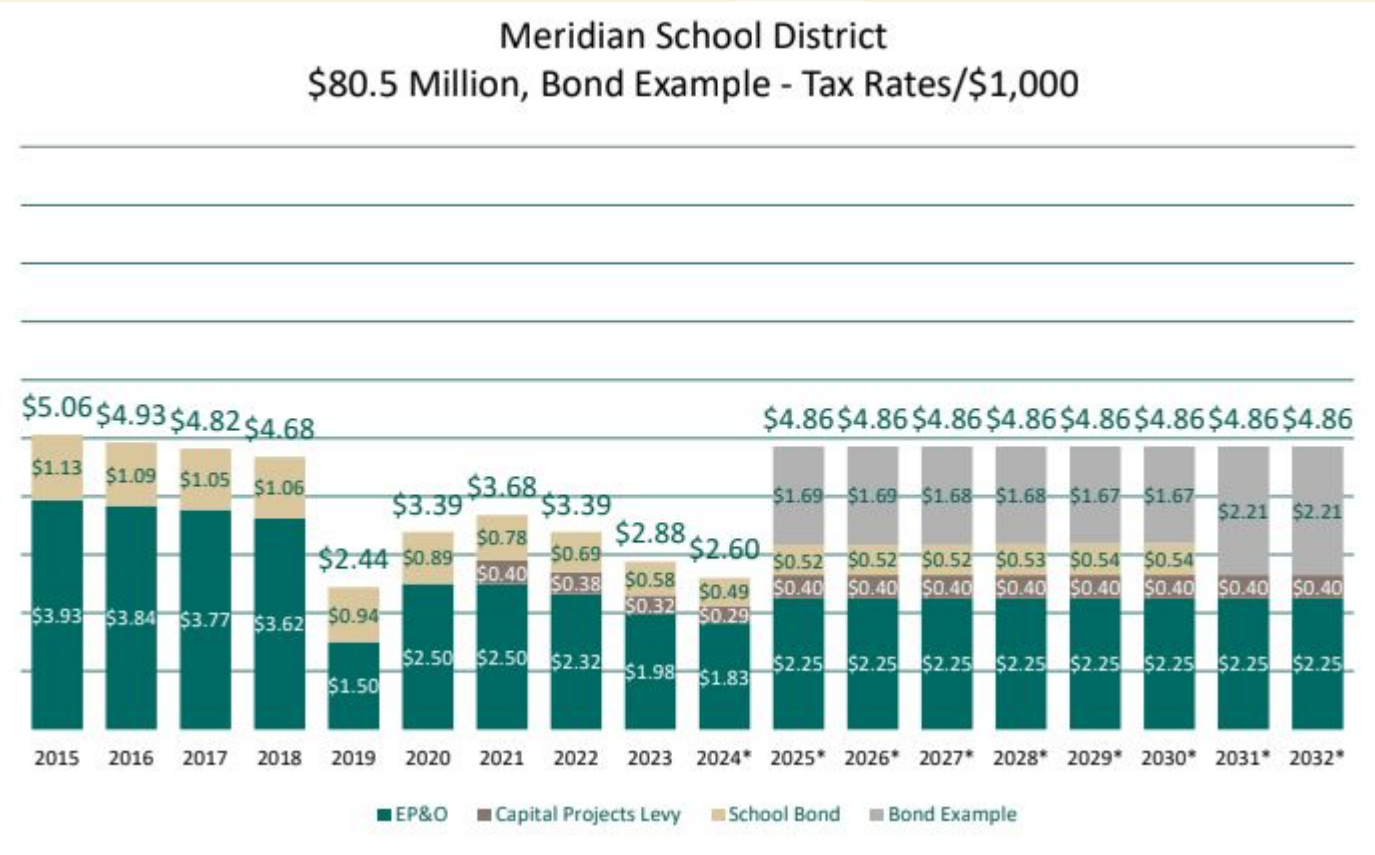
- Build a new Meridian Middle School as a 5-8 school
- New generator for Meridian High School
- MHS Performing Arts Center repairs and roof replacement (moving band class)
- MHS stadium work (new lighting and repairs only)

Estimated cost: \$80.5 million

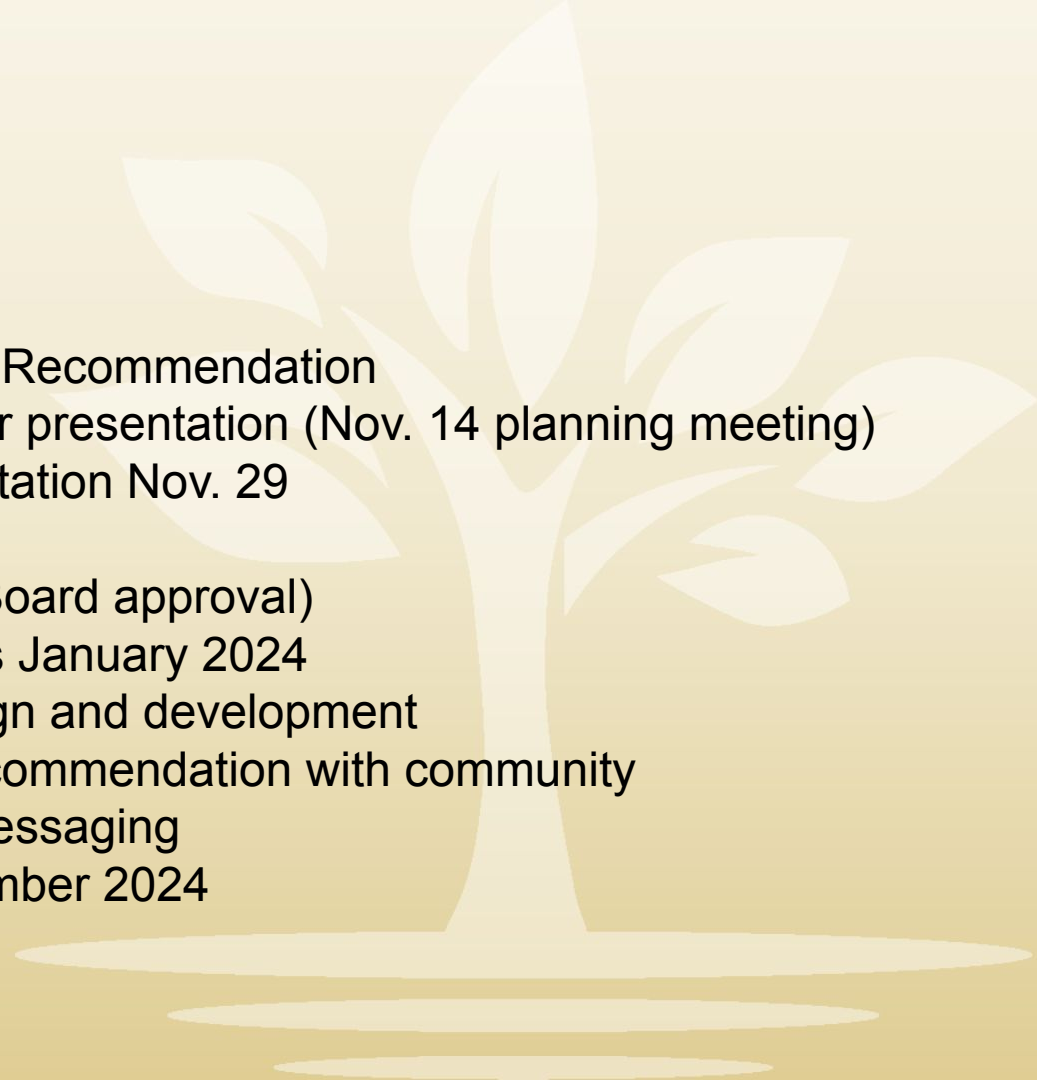
Any changes to this recommendation?

\$1.69 per \$1,000
of assessed value.

Includes 0.40
cents for capital
projects levy
renewal in
February 2024.



Next Steps



Facilities Task Force

- Review Draft of Final Recommendation
- Volunteers needed for presentation (Nov. 14 planning meeting)
- School Board Presentation Nov. 29

District (Pending School Board approval)

- Bond planning begins January 2024
 - Conceptual design and development
- Continue to share recommendation with community
 - Tours, videos, messaging
- Bond measure November 2024

