

Dear Adam Searcy, Paul Mills, and Board Members,

I saw the PowerPoint from the last FMP meeting in Sparks, talking about making from three middle schools to two and from 12 elementary schools to six if they were built today.

Phase 1: Rebuild Vaughn MS (2023-26)

WCSD board of trustees approved to build new Vaughn MS which will be open by the 2026-27 school year. This new Vaughn MS will have a capacity of 1400 and the groundbreaking will be ranging from Fall 2023 to summer 2024. The Zoning Advisory Committee will have an agenda by the Fall of 2024 to rezone from Pine MS and Traner MS to the new Vaughn MS beginning 2026-27 school year

Phase 2: Closing Pine MS, Traner MS, Lemelson ES, Duncan ES, and Drake ES (2026-2031)

Middle School: Pine MS and Traner MS

After the building of the new Vaughn MS, both Middle School (Pine MS and Traner MS) is expected to close by 2026.

Pine Middle School

Since Pine MS has low enrollment, these neighborhoods have an opportunity to attend a middle school that goes together through high school (Herz to Galena; Depoali to Damonte; Vaughn to Wooster, or Swope to Reno). It is too early to rezone as right now, but this will be agenda by Fall of 2024.

Traner Middle School

Traner MS enrollment is projected to have less than 400 students, which is the smallest middle

school in WCSD, compared to Sparks and Dilworth MS. Here are options to rezone Traner MS to nearby middle schools:

Option 1: rezone from Traner MS (Matthews ES, Duncan ES, Lemelson ES, and Cannan ES) to Sparks MS exception from North of North McCarran Ln to Desert Skies MS

Option 2: rezone from Traner MS (Matthews ES, Duncan ES, Lemelson ES, and Cannan ES) to Sparks MS with rezone from Sparks MS (Kate Smith ES and Mitchell ES) to Dilworth MS

Option 3: rezone from Traner MS (Matthews ES, Duncan ES, and Cannan ES) to Sparks MS and from Traner MS (Lemelson ES) to Clayton or new Vaughn MS.

This option should allow having vacant in Traner MS to tear down and rebuild a new middle school that has 1400 capacity.

Elementary School: Traner feeder schools

Since Duncan and Lemelson ES have low enrollment, these elementary schools should either consideration or close schools. Here are the options:

Option 1: Closing Duncan ES and Lemelson ES: Rezone from Duncan ES to Matthew ES and rezone from Lemelson ES to Cannan ES.

Option 2: Closing Cannan ES: Rezone from Cannan ES to Duncan ES, Matthews ES, and Lemelson ES.

Since Matthew ES is a newer school, this school doesn't need to be rebuilt, there will be retained as it is. All four elementary schools are Traner feeder schools and will likely go to Sparks MS temporarily until the new Traner MS is built. With a vacant elementary school, it will likely either be rebuilt into a new elementary school with 700 capacity or closed.

Elementary School: Dilworth feeder schools

Since Drake ES enrollment is very low, this will have the best opportunity for the community to rezone from Drake to Greenbrae Es, Lincoln Park ES, or Dunn ES while Drake ES should rebuild into a new elementary school, at 700 capacities. Since Dunn ES is at better condition, there should not need to rebuild at Dunn ES.

Phase 3: New Traner MS and closing Sparks MS or expand Dilworth MS (2031-2036)

After building a new Traner MS, Sparks are expected to continue, close, or consideration into new Elementary schools in the Sparks MS site. Dilworth MS could be closing to rebuild or expand like Swope MS at 1200 capacity. Here are options for Dilworth or Sparks MS:

Option 1: closing Dilworth MS: rezone from Dilworth to Sparks MS and new Traner MS.

Option 2: expanding Dilworth MS: rezone from Sparks MS to new Traner MS and expand Dilworth MS. This will allow Sparks MS to be consideration for a new elementary school in the Sparks MS site.

New ES at Northeast Reno and Drake ES

After building a new elementary school on either Duncan, Lemelson, or Cannan ES, most of Traner feeder schools will likely be closed. After building a new Drake ES, Greenbrae ES, and Lincoln Park ES could be rezoned to new Drake ES, since Greenbrae ES and Lincoln Park ES capacity is very low.

Phase 4: New elementary school at Sparks MS and new Lincoln Park ES (2036-41)

After building a new elementary school on the Sparks MS site, Maxwell ES and Risley ES could be rezoned to new elementary schools and repurposed Risley and Maxwell ES. Since Kate Smith ES and Mitchell ES site is too small, they should build a new elementary school on a Lincoln Park Es site. After they build, Kate Smith ES and Mitchell ES could be rezoned to the new Lincoln Park ES while Kate Smith and Michell Es could be repurposed.

Conclusion:

I will support option 2 on PowerPoint in the Sparks meeting. I think Traner MS should be rebuilt into a new middle school and Dilworth MS should be either rebuilt or expanded into 1200, like Swope MS. Sparks MS should be consideration into a new elementary school. The new elementary school in Northeast Reno should be either on Duncan, Lemelson, or Cannan ES site, new Drake ES, new Lincoln ES, and new elementary school in Sparks MS site. Dunn ES and Mathews ES should continue running as elementary schools since they are newer compared to elementary schools in the Sparks area. They should build at least four elementary schools, and one middle school, and maybe expand Dilworth MS in Northeast Reno and Sparks area.

Sincerely,

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