

July 19, 2017- Pool Study Meeting

Pool Committee In Attendance:

Adam Nellessen, Pete Sattler, Mark Hoffman, Herb Hofer – VHS

Anna Hearn, Jim Sarkisian, Kevin Cornett – SAC

Rob Behrend, Paul Knauff – Board of Directors

John Seibert – Valparaiso Parks Dept.

Dion Katsouros, Scott Cherry – The Skillman Corp.

Jim Thompson, Steve Crocker, Mike Rossillo – Gibraltar Design

Dr. Frataccia, Dr. Lauck, Dr. McCall, Lisa Frankus – VCS

Dr. Frataccia explained that in costing the referendum-related building projects a 25 meter pool was included. There has been an overwhelming response from many people in the community to build a 50 meter pool. Dr. Frataccia has responded that building a 50 meter pool depends on our available Referendum dollars and the will of the Board.

The Gibraltar Team presented the functional criteria and programming considerations for a 25 yard stretch 8 lane and 10 lane with 1 bulkhead and 50 meter 8 lane and 10 lane with 2 bulkheads. Criteria considered include a control station/director's office, spectator seating, locker rooms for PE, Swim Teams and Community Use, instructional classroom & dryland, and community room.

For High School Swimming & Diving programs functional needs include 25 yards with starting blocks, timer system and related for IHSAA, 8 lanes recommended minimum, diving area separate from swim lanes, 1 M boards, dryland training area and locker rooms and related support areas. Programming wants are additional swim lanes, separate warm up lanes, generous spectator seating, instructional room, 3 M diving board.

The basic high school pool configuration considerations for a 25 yard stretch pool are water depth, diving, PE instruction, college/university competition, IHSAA competitions. Bulkheads are used to provide safety restriction for deep water, provide pool flexibility and increases the size of the pool.

A 25 yard stretch pool could be 6-8-10 lanes. There are currently 6 lanes at VHS.

It was the consensus of the group that a 25 meter pool with 8 lanes would suffice for competitions and scheduling, but not for long course training and hosting large invitational meets or for basic community use. VHS used the pool 12 hours a day 76% of the days last year.

A 50 meter pool will accommodate the community and allow all students in the water at the same time so students can get home earlier in the evening. Swim meets could be hosted at a 50 meter pool and the pool could be rented to outside groups for revenue.

A great 25 yard stretch 10 lane pool would be better than a bare bones 50 meter pool.

Dr. Frataccia asked Skillman to provide cost estimates to build a 25 yard stretch 10 lane pool and a 50 meter 8 lane and 50 meter 10 lane to present at the next pool meeting on Wed. 7/26/17.