

WILTON Public School

STAFF INTERVIEWS



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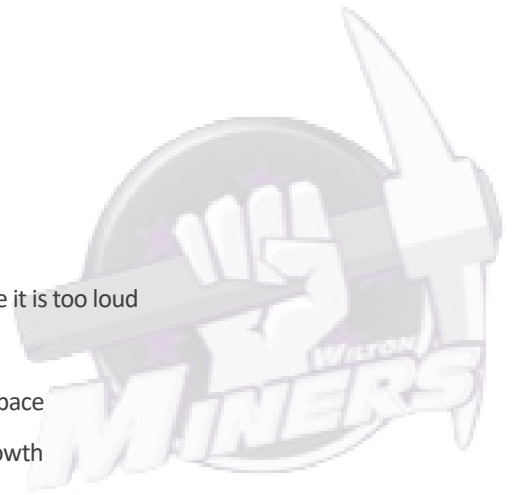
NOTES



- Projector/technology interferes with being able to change seating arrangements within classrooms
- Classrooms don't have enough storage
- Pre-K/6th grade stem – need more storage
- Elementary has approximately 25 students/grade (largest)
- 2 doors w/l classroom – would like to have 1 door to monitor
- Coach – would like to have another gymnasium; current one is used all day long
- Like – the separate sings for the High School students and the elementary students
- STEM – would like larger collaborative space
- Separate staff restroom in High School – currently staff and students use the same
- Maintain having a staff room in the High School
- Site circulation is ok
- Hot/cold units seem to be fighting each other in the classrooms
- Better maintenance of the current desks
- Restrooms – currently have 1 set in each the elementary and the high school – ok currently, but will need more if there is an influx in student and staff population
- Door at connection into the high school wing is a bottle neck – especially during lunch period
- Need a place (commons) for students to gather before and after school & during the lunch period – currently sitting on the floor outside the gymnasium
- Need a conference space for staff meetings that is private
- Storage is needed within the classrooms – big storage for the lower elementary classrooms
- Elementary is storing totes on the floor – this takes up space for students
- Need more outlets for technology
- Younger kids – staff like tables instead of desks
- Classrooms are too small overall
- Lighting is outdated – fluorescent
- Elementary staff would like to have more display area in the hallway
- Smaller staff desks
- Preschool would like to keep restroom in the classroom
- Safety concern of the glazing within the classrooms – tempered or not?
- Classrooms – no carpet preferred; ICON note: there was a lot of discussion on this topic
- Lower elementary – when it is too cold to go outside, there is no room for indoor recess



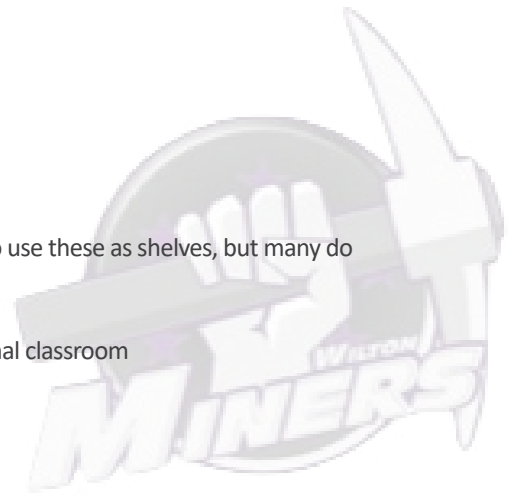
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- Library location is OK even though it is a long distance
- Lunchroom is too small and loud; kids cannot talk at a regular volume because it is too loud
- Staff meeting space needed; place for private meetings for staff with parents
- Currently principals share a space – need offices and access to a conference space
- Parking – some thought it was ok, but will be an issue with student & Staff growth
- Ag. Education:
 - separate metal work from wood working space
 - overhead door within space
 - floor drains in the shop
 - foods lab
 - need more space in general
 - need for outdoor space – yard to work and store materials
 - welding stations – would like to have 5 – set up for electrode and wire feed
 - Would like a greenhouse for horticulture class
 - Need better exhaust vent for small engine
 - 6 sections of 8 students (avg. size) currently
 - 19 8th graders – largest class
 - Like a small chicken coop
 - Finishing space needs better ventilation
 - Like restrooms within the Ag. Education space
 - Need storage for all activities
 - HVAC – hot in the Fall/Spring (bigger problem) / cold in the winter
 - Loud space
- Coach – need another gymnasium for the elementary kids
- Current locker room space is adequate
- Cubbies for elementary are maxed out
- Separate High School for grades 9-12; keep existing school as an elementary/Middle school – renovate accordingly
- Need a larger lunchroom
- Circulation within the lunchroom during lunch periods is a mess
- Like to have card access throughout the building – uniform access control
- The 6th grade being in the high school wing is disruptive; 6th grade is on an elementary curriculum
- 6th started with 23 students – now 25; 1 teacher & 1 aide – too small of a classroom for this
- FACS – classroom is used for school board meetings – not ideal
- School needs a dedicated meeting room(s) to accommodate larger meetings (School Board) and smaller (staff/parent)
- 6th grade classroom needs more storage
- 6th grade classroom needs more outlets for charging iPads



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- HVAC registers within the classrooms take up too much space; staff are not to use these as shelves, but many do
- FACS – number of outlets is good; power pole within classroom is poor
- FACS/Health – if curriculum would split these classes, would need an additional classroom
- Space for guidance counselors
- Centralized staff room – all staff – with no student access
- Separate restrooms for staff
- Another gymnasium – current space is used constantly; difficult to schedule time
- 1 FACS lab is smaller than the rest with less countertop space – strange
- 1 large staff room with a full-sized fridge
- Strategists have moved every year – would be nice to have a consistent location
- Strategists are currently sharing space in an interior classroom with no windows – not ideal
- Lunchroom is loud – needs better acoustics
- There is a lot of shared office space throughout the school building – this is not ideal for staff
- Would like to have Quiet Rooms within the classrooms like the newer Mandan Elementary schools have
- Need more classrooms in general
- Would be nice to have a daycare nearby – if preschool is ½ day, this is hard on parents
- Need another gymnasium
- The after school / before school programs needs a room.
- Science:
 - Classroom is crowded
 - Would like to have a classroom separate from the lab area
 - Need a larger space for experiments – example: mousetrap cars; gymnasium is always occupied
 - Ventilation is non-existent within the classroom
 - Current set up has the students' backs to the teacher – not ideal
 - Need hot water
 - Storage is ok
 - Lighting is ok
 - Air circulation within the classroom causes problems with the Bunsen burners; will have the custodian turn off air during certain times of the year with curriculum
 - Would like to have the Ag. Education and Science classrooms closer together for collaboration
- Lack of storage within the elementary classrooms
- Heating units within the classrooms take up too much floor space
- Staff would like to be able to adjust the temperature within the classrooms
- Would like sturdier hooks for corkboards and cork strips for display of projects
- Need a staff restroom



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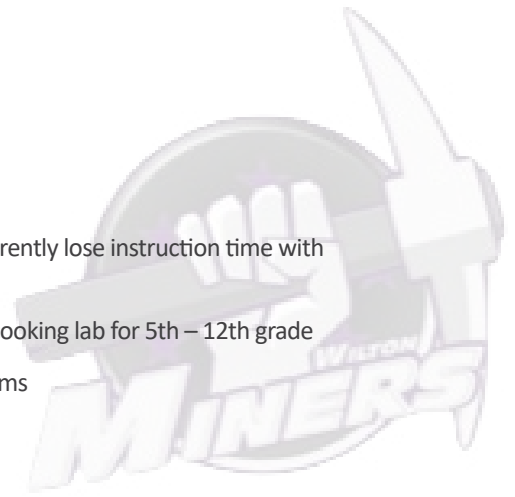
- Elementary staff room – like what the HS staff has
- Lunchroom is too small and loud
- Like to have a small break-out space for classes to collaborate
- Classrooms are overall too small
- Additional gym
- Update the gym equipment
- Cubbies in the hallway are messy
- Upper elementary staff – 2 prefer carpet for the noise control and the hard surfaces are slippery when wet
- Recess Schedule:
 - Pre-k – 15 minutes
 - K -2 together – 15 minutes
 - 3-5 together – 15 minutes
 - 6th grade - none
- Site circulation/safety is good
- More secure playground and better fence maintenance
- Piece of equipment in playground is unusable – remove; would be nice to upgrade some of the playground equipment
- Travel to playground can be an issue at times; direct access to the playground would be ideal
- OT/PT need space and testing rooms
- Reading Interventionist office is in HS, but works mainly with the elementary students
- Storage space is needed throughout the school/classrooms
- Testing spaces for students is needed
- Wilton School Curriculum has limited exposure to other class types – examples: art, pottery; would be good to offer these to students if there was space
- Technology:
 - Masonry wall construction is difficult to work with for wireless/Wi-Fi
 - Masonry wall construction is difficult to attached too and adjust with the technology upgrades
 - Access points are easy due to the current footprint
 - Approaching the 5-year recommended upgrade
 - Need more space for IT staff to work on machines
 - Obstacles with power access throughout the facility
 - Need another gymnasium
 - Ag Education and shop area need more space for programs and projects
 - FACS could use an upgrade
 - STEM needs a collaboration space
 - Site drainage at the back storage area
 - Playground is hard packed surface – not good space for kids



- Library:
 - Would prefer to be in the center of the school for easier access for all students
 - Would like windows or skylights – currently in an interior space
 - Has 6 tables for 30 students; would like collaborative tables
 - More room for books and DVDs
 - Office or lockable space for personal items
 - Meeting room
 - Charging stations within the furniture in Library and throughout the school
 - Media Center/printing station
 - Ideally a space 2x the current size
 - Reading area for younger students; collaboration space for older students
- Principals should be in the main office
- Need room for small group meetings – 4 rooms with space for approximately 6 people
- Commons space
- Lunchroom needs to be more inviting and quieter
- Place to host meetings with parents – can be smaller, but needs to be private
- Parent information meeting space
- More gymnasium space
- Classrooms need more room – too small
- Will need to split 2 sections for each elementary class soon, not enough rooms for this
- Collaboration space – blurring the spaces of classrooms; breakdown walls for co-teaching
- Teacher prep space – groups and individual; need somewhere outside of their classrooms; one space for all the staff to be in – Elementary/Middle School/ High School
- Flexible furniture and space to use it
- Administration wants to encourage collaboration – building/space to help facilitate this
- Counselors need a soundproof area
- Need special ed space in both the high school and the elementary
- Classrooms need more storage and to be large enough for flexible uses
- Individual space for kids – built-in mailboxes
- Space to display student work
- Space for student presentations or small plays
- School psychologist needs a testing space
- Special ed offices together with a conference room
- Speech therapist – 2 kids (most)
- 2 other Special Ed staff – 5 kids each (this is maximum, and this doesn't happen very often)



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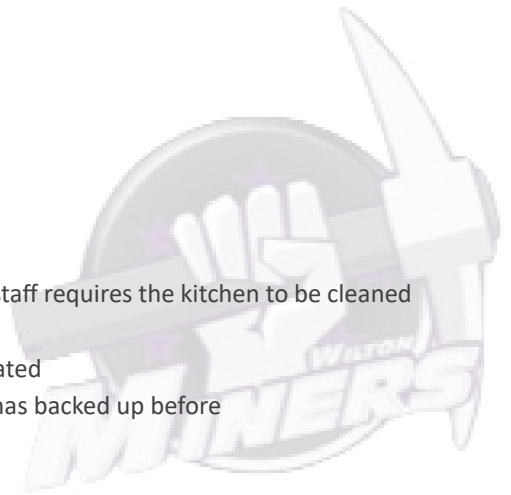
- Special Ed/Speech Therapy should be in the middle of the school ideally – currently lose instruction time with students due to long travel distance
- Special Ed would like to have restroom and sink within the classroom space; cooking lab for 5th – 12th grade
- Elementary hallways look messy with the cubbies/hooks outside the classrooms
- Like to have a centralized staff lounge/work room
- Another gymnasium
- More gymnasium storage
- Auditorium connected to the Music room
- Music room needs additional storage for instruments
- Practice rooms need to be sound-proof and have windows for supervision
- Currently 1 music teacher for band and choir
- Music room needs storage for music stands
- Ag. Classroom next to the band/music room is not good – Ag. Machinery noise bleeds into the music classroom
- Sink in the music room is good, but would like to have a water fountain too
- Current music room is very good acoustically
- Current music room is not ADA accessible
- Flooring for the music risers
- Weight room needs to be bigger for current equipment
- Would like space within the weight room to rehab athletes – bikes; Perfect world = Michael Phelps endless pool
- Classroom storage needed throughout the school
- Larger shop space; larger automotive space
- Track on site
- Another gymnasium for all the extracurricular activities
- Fitness center/better weight room – this could be offsite
- Commons area
- School leaders need to look 10 years; 20 years down the road; purchase 20+ acres
- Lunchroom needs to be bigger; it is too loud
- More classrooms overall in anticipation of the population growth
- Hurricane film on the 1st level glass for safety
- Concrete bollards around utilities and main entrance
- Staff restrooms in the high school
- Staff lounge/work room



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- Larger conference room – 12 people or more
- Limited parking on site and around the current school
- More gym space; travel to Wing for younger age sports – tile floor and is not regulation
- More gym space to accommodate the community groups that are always asking to use the space
- More gym storage
- Archery program is at City Hall currently; this is ideal to have offsite
- Locker rooms in good shape
- High School currently need to walk to the football field – cuts into PE instruction time
- Elementary exterior space is very hard and not ideal for kids to play on for PE instruction
- Commons area
- Sensory room for kids to have an ‘issue’ and calm down; currently no good space for a student to work through issue
- Weight room is too small; more kids taking weight training each year. It isn’t safe to have too many students in the current space, but staff wants to grow this program
- Fitness Center – could be a community/school joint effort. Would need to be accessible to both, yet secure for all
- More space throughout the school – storage
- Need A/C in the gymnasium
- Snow removal equipment is off site – 600 7th street
- Stage is stored in the garage
- Long distance for hot water to travel for science labs
- Currently no place to repair equipment – chairs, desks etc.
- Need to have onsite storage for furniture
- Difficult to have private meetings. Need a board room
- Need a designated Staff work room
- Kitchen:
 - Cooler – not enough storage and improper storage racks within
 - Would like to have a service line with hot wells
 - Prep area is enough
 - Overcrowding in lunchroom
 - Terrible acoustics within lunchroom and kitchen – difficult to hear school announcements
 - Ventilation in the kitchen left much to be desired
 - Kitchen is generally satisfied with equipment, layout and space
 - Dishwashing area could be updated and better ventilation; need more space for drying
 - One of the stoves has a pilot light out – not sure if major issue or just needs to be re-lit
 - Have convection oven – likes
 - Have convection steamer – likes



- Share space with concessions sometimes; currently works, but Kitchen staff requires the kitchen to be cleaned by the user groups
- Could use better HVAC to keep temperature within kitchen better regulated
- While running the dishwasher, they do need to watch the floor drain – has backed up before

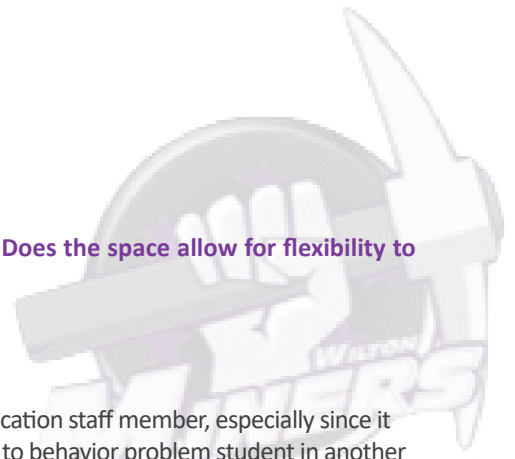
QUESTIONNAIRE

What are some of the current facility characteristics that are beneficial to the delivery of your educational class or activity?

- Wireless network throughout the building
- Smartboard, tables, carpet, storage cupboards, bookshelves, bathroom in classroom, easel
- I love that my current office has a sink. It has been a relief that I have not had to move my office last year. It would be nice to be able to stay consistent
- I love all of the whiteboards in my room, allows me to make notes without having to erase quickly
- The access to AppleTV in the elementary to connect my computer quickly has been very beneficial
- Eliminating one of the two doors in the classroom and having a rotating projector that could focus on either wall of white boards
- My classroom is close to a bathroom, which is great for their age group
- Honestly? None. I have to cross my room to go hook up my laptop to the whiteboard. When I go into the classrooms to teach technology, each room is somewhat different in the technology available (there is no “common denominator” among all the classrooms, so I have to use certain items with certain classrooms). It’s a mess! The Library is waaaaaaayyyyyy on the other side of the building for the elementary students—who are scheduled at least once (if not twice) a week; whereas the JH/HS students are not scheduled at all and have the least amount of walking to get there.

Are there any specific classroom or education activity requirements that are not currently able to be fulfilled due to existing facility constraints?

- Music, shop, FACS, gym, technology, and library all have inadequate space to fully implement their respective programs
- I am able to successfully teach my student with in my classroom but more storage would allow for more opportunity to expand our resources and keep student engagement high
- I feel our lack of a conference room does impact our ability to have meetings at times
- It would be great to have more storage so I can save examples from the year and am better able to lay out yearly plans and copies of things I need
- No
- N/A
- There is not a lot of storage or electrical outlets
- Yes. A true Maker-Space and Media Center would be nice to have in the library, but we cannot due to small space



Is your classroom or education activity sustainable in its current location? Does the space allow for flexibility to meet changing and future needs?

- It is currently adequate, but not sustainable for future needs
- Yes, it does
- I think sharing an office does work for the most part with another special education staff member, especially since it is a behavior room. We can help cover each other's kids, when one has to go to behavior problem student in another part of the building. I think with our growing population in Wilton, we will need more special education staff and more room. Everything is working perfectly right now. We may need a time out room??
- No, I have too many bodies in the classroom to be comfortable
- I do not think my use of classroom space is sustainable. I currently share the library space to host classroom lessons for grades 7-12 with the librarian. We do sometimes have conflicts with classes at the same time. I use the elementary classrooms for my lesson delivery for grades PK - 5. I am in their space while the teachers are trying to prep and plan.
- I believe so; however, I worry - hearing about the larger class sizes coming up - that my classroom will not have enough space for adequate seating for larger than 25 class size. Are each of the classrooms ADA compliant?
- It is too small a space for the growing number of students, in my opinion
- "It's doable, sure. Anything can work; it's just how WELL it works...."
- Library is definitely not flexible to meet changing & future needs. (Unless we start splitting classes, maybe.)"

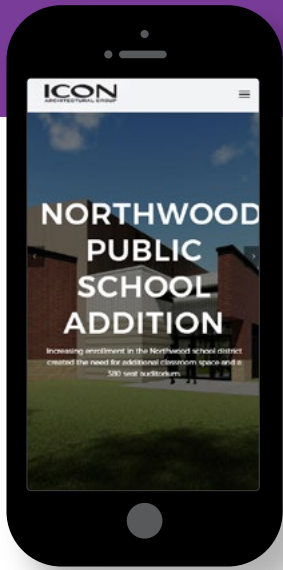
What different types of supporting spaces do you use within the school? If the space(s) you require are not present, please describe them and how they would be used.

- N/A
- A storage room would be wonderful! Giving each class an additional shelving rack within that room would help to keep things organized while also allowing teachers more room to expand and store resources
- Our other special education staff member is up in the high school. She is very far away. It would be nice to have the special education staff together and centrally located. Like turning the lunchroom courtyard into a special education unit with a conference room and an extra room for testing.
- A sensory space for students to decompress would be great so students aren't in the hallway disrupting other classes or a point of interest as other students walk by. Also a centralized staff room would be great, I would love if it included a full sized fridge so we didn't continue to store stuff in the FACS room! Additionally, a place for staff meetings and meetings with students groups would be ideal.
- I use other teachers' classrooms for ACT testing, SOS meeting spaces, and my classroom lesson delivery
- N/A
- It would be great to have a space for meetings that doesn't require people to vacate their rooms/offices. It would also be nice to have a room where students with behavior problems could go to cool down or do work away from their peers
- "We need a conference room; probably two. Use them for IEP mtgs, Staff mtgs, hosting special people, etc. In the HS area, we are talking more and more about collaborative projects. It would be nice to have some sort of central area for kids to go work on their projects, no matter what subject they are working with. For example, do a cross-curricular project (English, Math, Science, History); one collaborative area for students to work on the project, regardless of whose class they are currently in. So, if you're a 9th grade in History and want to work on your project, you can go to that collaborative area to work. There might be an 11th grade English student there working on their portion of their project. No problem! I envision the collaborative area (& the classrooms) having windows so teachers can see what the students are doing in the collaboration area. Therefore, no direct supervision needed."



What other suggestions or comments do you have related to the District's educational facilities?

- Looking to the future - outlets, space, enhanced network, collaboration areas for both students and staff
- N/A
- We are running out of room fast. We have no room for OT and Psych. to use to test or serve students. The classrooms are over crowded. Even if we wanted to split classrooms, we would have no place to put them. The hallways are a mess with coats, hats, shoes; it would be nice to have lockers down in the elementary to keep things looking nice and neat
- N/A
- N/A
- I would really encourage built in cabinetry or spaces to store basic things within each classroom; for instance, my classroom text books - for each grade level 8-12 - are simply stacked on the floor because there is no where to store them. I would LOVE to have storage, cabinets, and shelves that all can hold the large, hefty literature text books in my own classroom.
- N/A
- More space for learning in ALL areas, playing and parking!!



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