

AS1.10 Site Assessment

The group identified What Works, What Could Be Better and What's Missing?

CHIEF CHARLO ELEMENTARY

What Works?

*Separate playgrounds (K-2 & 3-5)
Adequate space for place
Sidewalks, asphalt in good condition
Adequate staff parking
Aesthetically pleasing*

What Could Be Better?

*Drop-off - Traffic flow
Parent Parking
Drainage of playground
Move fencing to top of hill*

What's Missing?

*Wall for wall ball
Fencing /gates (supervision issue & loss of playground balls rolling down hill)
Picnic tables, benches*

COLD SPRINGS ELEMETNARY

What Works?

*Play structures
Lots of grass
Gym
Playground – enclosed (safe)
Bus Lane*

What Could Be Better?

*Ice build up on playground
Weeds in pavement
Side walk access on south side near parent parking too narrow
Flashing light at crosswalk
Accessibility for drop off*

What's Missing?

*Parent pick up
Snow catchers
No vision from Office to entrance
Parent Parking*



RUSSELL ELEMENTARY

What Works?

Grass
Lots of play space – size (but hard to manage)
Adjacent to YMCA
Adjacent to Palyfair track and baseball fields
Adjacent to Christian Life Center and other central services
Central location/Neighborhood School
Proximity to COT

What Could Be Better?

Congested drop off and pick-up
Old Playground equipment
Too much asphalt (more grass needed)
Annex – insufficient
Access – front door is not readily known
Safety – Annex communication, Front door – can't see beyond front door from front office
Gym used as cafeteria, Size of space is not as easy to manage especially proximity to busy street
Drop off and pick –up: Bus conflict with parking and pedestrians
Asphalt in poor shape

What's Missing?

No items noted

LEWIS & CLARK ELEMENTARY

What Works?

Lots of open space
New Playground equipment
Discovery Core

What Could Be Better?

Bells
Snow removal
Ice hazard on Playground in winter (drainage)
Landscaping on Peace Path (safety of utility boxes)
Parent/student drop off
ADA accessibility
Better separation from houses
Dog pick-up stations
Improve soccer goals

What's Missing?

Shade at front of school
No weather protection
Clear path into school
Staff parking (handicap)
Outdoor classrooms
Covered areas with children size seating



PAXSON ELEMENTARY

What Works?

- Garden*
- Equipment*
- Proximity to Bonner Park and Dairy Queen, bus lines,*
- The parking lot across the street*
- The view of the "M"*
- Close to U of M*
- Music Room Shelter*

- Lines on field for sports*
- Space*
- Shade*

What Could Be Better?

- Playgrounds should be handicap accessible*
- Sandbox*
- The size of the Playground*
- Hills Street*
- Making place space more efficient*
- Safety on the south side parking*
- Diagonal Parking*
- Crosswalks*
- Bike Racks*
- More Swings*

What's Missing?

- Parking*
- Better drainage*
- Tree next to sand box*



RATTLESNAKE ELEMENTARY

What Works?

*Proximity to creek, park, PEAS farm
Mtn. Lion bus route
Playground size
Garden
Pine trees
Amphitheater
Not too busy street
2 gyms
Lockers*

What Could Be Better?

*Access to playground too easy
Better intercom
WiFi
Parking
Traffic flow pick-up signage (bike, cars, walkers)
Length of bus ride – too far for some kids
Snow removal
Drainage
Dog poop pick-up
Agenda Board*

What's Missing?

Parking/biking/ walking regs

Crosswalks & sidewalks

Cell phone service in parts of building

Adequate bandwidth



FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY

What Works?

Neighborhood School

Location

Historical area (1916)

Community Cares, really helps our school

What Could Be Better?

Better parking, more parking, bus stop

Less entrances

More lighting – street lights

Office area – more central location

Traffic on Johnson, Grant & 11th

What's Missing?

More play areas – grass/open areas

Access to individuals who use wheelchairs, etc

Parent drop off area

More space



HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY

What Works?

Staff Parking (size of lot OK)
Safety of bus area/bus loop
Soccer nets
Grassy play area – playground space
Oak tree, shade, beauty

What Could Be Better?

More organized/efficient use of field area (designated areas of play)
Student pick-up/drop-off on Hiberta
Another piece of equipment by modular (for older students)
Student line up – flow in and out of building
Night/summer Entrance for groups (Campfire, Gym, Flagship etc)
Crosswalk
Handicap access
Playground too close to modular
Parent/community parking

What's Missing?

Safe parent drop off area for cars
Main Entrance

Safe walking route – sidewalks (walking/biking path on 3rd Street)
Handicap access
Pedestrian crossing
Traffic calming
Street lights
Volleyball nets
Room for designated bus parking

LOWELL ELEMENTARY

What Works?

Playground equipment/field size (lost some to modular)
Park
Health Clinic
Garden
Historical Building
Neighborhood School
Accessible – Bike, walking, bus for neighborhood
Close to downtown for field trips

What Could Be Better?

Parking
Sidewalk – shabby , not safe
Stage
More courts
Accessibility of playground – all abilities playground
Lighting – Especially on courts
Dog Cleanup
Safety with public access to playground, sharing it with City park
Covered area to modular
Grounds maintenance – snow removal
Maintenance of playground equipment
Bigger storage area for play equipment
Ice Removal/drain gutters updated

Greenhouse for garden
Safety for outdoor classrooms

What's Missing?

Parking
Bus loop/parent drop off area
ADA regulations for building access
Traffic signals on Phillips
Security/monitoring at all entry points
Keep public out of school grounds during school hours
Can't see all parts of playground – security issues
Outside bathrooms/water fountain
Morning security to clean up playground
Use of the Westside park
Lighting/security
Graffiti Clean up
Drainage of water from playground
Better coordination of maintenace

CS PORTER MIDDLE

What Works?

Plenty of space
Nearby open space (Ft. Missoula, soccer fields, Forest Service area)
Good play area
Courtyards

What Could Be Better?

Parking
Barrier for Play (Reserve St.)
Crossing Concerns on Reserve St.
Access – traffic patterns = challenging
Garden
Winter BB facility
Bus parking/pick-up
Bike rack moved
Access road

What's Missing?

Disc golf set up
Age appropriate playground equipment
Bike trail/pedestrian track
Vegetation
Good traffic flow
Use for SE Corner

MEADOW HILL MIDDLE

What Works?

Low traffic
Nice fields – play area
Trails nearby
Un-zoned area – Community Gardens
Location - close to Safeway, Wal-Mart, Cold Springs
Bus Lane

What Could Be Better?

Bike Racks
Bus Zone – pick-up and drop off
Parking
Seating areas – Covered areas on playground
Area behind annex utilized better
Light to cross to Safeway & 39th turning lane
Parent pick-up/drop off zones
Parking lot
“Empty” Lot

What’s Missing?

More parking
Money
More things to do on playground
Using field adjacent to school better
Curb appeal – track



WASHINGTON MIDDLE

What Works?

Very Walkable, central location, quiet (neighborhood setting)
Large field space
Fence area
Bus pick up and drop off
Divided field
No traffic to cross mid campus
Playground

What Could Be Better?

Busing area
Parking lot (safety, crowded)
Multiple buildings (safety issue)
Building layout
Separate bike racks
Drop off/pick-up
Access points/ safety – entrances
Transition/supervision between buildings
Lighting
Crosswalks on Bancroft
Wider side walk on Central

What's Missing?

Playground equipment/activities (space)

Bike lanes

Parking – Staff & public

Large meeting space – auditorium/concert hall



BIG SKY HIGH SCHOOL

What Works?

*Foot print OK for up to 1400
Parking OK
Size of fields and open space*

What Could Be Better?

*Utilization of space – organization
Space itself – broken sprinklers etc.
Lighting on 205
Traffic flow
Identity*

What's Missing?

Bathroom facilities



HELLGATE HIGH SCHOOL

What Works?

*Courtyard
Central location
Two parking lots
Close to businesses, public transportation, university
River - Opportunity for fresh air, Outdoor access for classes, Provides opportunity for capstone/service projects to make facility better
Softball/Soccer Fields – Bathroom/locker room, good community space, great atmosphere, Dimensions of field*

What Could Be Better?

*Parking especially for students & traveling teachers
Green space
Entrance
Landscaping on Higgins
Parking garage – below or above ground
Traffic on Gerald – possible pull in for buses
River – Equitable track & field, ability to charge for usage, ditch safety patrol (trans population), storage for and fleet of bicycles for PE or field trips, drainage
Softball/Soccer Fields – Parking, locker rooms bigger, practice fields, sprinklers, drainage*

What's Missing?

*Expansion space
Athletic fields adjacent to main building
Ownership of entire city block
River – Green house for classes, clubs & community,
Fenced garden area, Hellgate community building – year-round bathrooms, meeting place, storage
Softball/Soccer Fields – No concessions, distance from school*

SEELEY-SWAN HIGH SCHOOL

What Works?

The loop to get in and out of school
Parking (for school)
Outdoor classrooms
Space to expand
Location
Disk golf course

What Could Be Better?

Knapweed in front
Walking trail
Oval nicer
Use of the land
Vehicle access in the back

What's Missing?

Parking for games/activities
Running track
Safe route to school on High School Hill
Underground sprinklers
Reader board



SENTINEL HIGH SCHOOL

What Works?

*Land,
Large campus
Parking
Sq. footage per teacher
Athletic fields
Gym
Theater
Library
Cafeteria
One location
Great outdoor practice
Open space
Good drop off and pick-up, buses*

What Could Be Better?

*Shared stadium
Temporary buildings need updating – ADA, bathrooms,
technology
Over 40 entries and exits
Security measures & fire safety
Westside bleachers at MCPS stadium
“Access to technology
Boiler*

*Buildings 300, 400 & 500 not connected to main
building
500 Bldg. classrooms share with warehouse
Track not safe
Lease tennis courts from city*

What’s Missing?

*Restrooms for softball, soccer fields & track
Concession for softball, soccer fields & track
Stadium – seats at football/track
Community access
Flexible teaching paces
Locker Rooms for softball, soccer fields & track
Outdoor instructional areas
Maintenance funds for practice fields & grounds*



WILLARD ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

What Works?

School garden
Spacious
Community Space
Solar Panels
Location convenient for students
Green space

What Could Be Better?

Parking lot & traffic flow
Basketball court
School signage
Landscaping could be improved
Chain link fence removed
Storage
Remove bars from windows
Open windows in commons
Drop off
Main entrance (ADA)
Recreational/educational use
Use of space
Fire escape updates
Single floor accessible building
Playground
Curb Appeal

Exterior Lighting
Trash pick-up and deliveries
Dog Management

What's Missing?

Landscaping – trees for shade
Welcoming – inviting space
Outside pavilion
Wood/metal shop facility
Parking lot signage
Air conditioning
Safe up to date park for community
Gym
Activity space
Locker rooms
Sound studio/music classroom
CTE
Kitchen
Collaborative spaces
Room to expand
Quiet spaces
Laundry facilities
Signage
Outdoor classroom
Water feature (hot tub)
Energy efficient windows



VO-AG

What Works?

Large Grounds (Feed & space)

What Could Be Better?

Triangular section by Missoula College makes irrigation difficult

Fence improvements

Another hay barn

Driveway improvement

Beautification

Sidewalks

What's Missing?

Solar

Wind

Methane digester



DICKINSON LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTER

What Works?

General location

Parking quantity

What Could Be Better?

Lighting in front & sides

Front parking is dangerous

Flow around the building – traffic

Signage on 3rd and Curtis

Surrounding open space – up keep

Better entrances

What's Missing?

*More space – sq. footage for classrooms & gathering
space inside, outside & variety of classrooms for trades*

*Sprinkler system for open space grass area in front and
back*