

Long Range Planning Committee
Wednesday, March 5, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Voting Members

Ⓜ	Heather Acampora	x	Gail Feeder	x	Rudy Lukez	x	Jeff Rudolph
Ⓜ	Kay Dry	Ⓜ	Shelyce Foster	x	Zeke Lynch	x	Stephanie Stanley
x	Cindy Barnard	Ⓜ	Jeff Francis	x	Michael Maloney	x	Wendy Vogel
Ⓜ	Caryn Becker	x	Dilpreet Jammu	x	John Monark	x	Todd Warnke
x	Bryant Doyle	Ⓜ	Ramona Jobe	x	Patricia Montoya		
		Ⓜ	Jennifer Johnson	Ⓜ	Shauna Rossin		

Non-Voting Members

x	Rich Cosgrove	x	Marc Shaffer	x	Thomas McMillen	x	Kurt Wolter
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X indicates attendance, Ⓜ = notification, ⊗ = no notification

Also in attendance were: Board of Education President Kevin Larsen, Planning Manager Anita McLain, and Jason Germain, PhD, Chief Student Advocacy Officer.

Call to order: LRPC Chair Todd Warnke called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the second floor administration area.

Approval of Minutes: Zeke Lynch moved and John Monark seconded the minutes of the January 8, 2014 Long Range Planning Committee meeting be approved. Eleven voted aye. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passed.

Long Range Planning Committee Membership: Rich Cosgrove introduced Thomas McMillen, Director, Student and Parent Choice, as a new non-voting member. He also stated that the District will readvertise to fill the vacant Long Range Planning Committee position.

Bylaws: Rich Cosgrove briefed the Long Range Planning Committee that the FOC and DAC support the concept of Long Range Planning Committee subcommittees with FOC and DAC representation on an as needed basis. Legal Counsel has also confirmed that no bylaw revisions are needed for the LRPC, FOC and DAC. Stephanie asked about crossing over of terms for subcommittee members. Subcommittee members will follow their approved terms on the LRPC, FOC and DAC. Cindy mentioned the topic of expenditures for testing and the impact on unfunded capital requirements as a LRPC-FOC topic. The FOC meets on the first Thursday of each month. The DAC meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

Enrollment Projections and Capacity: Rich Cosgrove briefed the Long Range Planning Committee that the school capacity spreadsheet has been revised to include the charter schools and the number and percentage of open enrolled students at each school. The overall enrollment is projected to decline at the elementary school level in the next five years. Enrollment at Cimarron Middle School and Rocky Heights Middle School is projected to remain over the ideal program capacity during the next five years. Enrollment is projected to be above the ideal program capacity at four high schools in the next five years. During the next five years, the capacity issues at the high schools can be addressed using mobile classrooms if this is the option pursued. Todd Warnke stated that all charter schools are operating at their desired capacities. Cindy Barnard asked if we are obtaining the wait lists for charter schools. Tom McMillen said his office is still attempting to get this information and hopes to incorporate this data in one database. Gail Feeder asked about the open enrollment data for the charter schools. Anita said this number of students is pulled from their feeder areas.

Special Education K-8: Jason Germain, PhD, Chief Student Advocacy Officer, briefed the need for a new Special Education K-8. 300 students for such a program were added this year. This new school was presented to the Board of Education. There was much discussion about the percentage of time a student spends with typical peers, the Least Restricted environment, how many students are in the Dual Diagnosis program, the Plum Creek Academy program and

model, costs to have District students attend schools out-of-district, disruption to families, the additional Per Pupil Revenue per student, and the success rate of Plum Creek Academy. There was also discussion about how a new K-8 would free up space at 11 existing neighborhood schools for other purposes. Dr. Germain also discussed the ideal location of such a new school being close to the I-25 corridor and in the North Planning Area. After discussion of dedicated school sites, the Long Range Planning Committee agreed that the selection of a site for this new K-8 would be at a later date and when approval of design and construction funds is obtained. The Long Range Planning Committee requested a cost-benefit analysis.

Choice: Thomas McMillen, Director, Student and Parent Choice, briefed the status of the charter school applications to the District. Five letters of intent were submitted. Three are viable. Applications are due in mid-March. Tom provided an update on World Compass Academy, Global Village Academy, as well as the potential new charter school applications. A follow-on update will be provided to the Long Range Planning Committee in March after the deadline for applications. The Long Range Planning Committee requested regular updates on charter schools for discussion of how they impact school capacities across the District. McMillen also provided an update on the School Selector Tool, and that his office is working with the Information Technology department to have the tool focus on marketing aspects of schools. Gail Feeder, Stephanie Stanley, and Kevin Larsen commented on points to consider for marketing of the schools. McMillen confirmed the tool will be in a catalog format. Cindy Barnard mentioned that funding for this tool is a good topic for the FOC.

Other: Rich Cosgrove quickly reviewed the status of the Master Capital Plan and projected capital requirements. Todd Warnke highlighted that the current \$275 million in unfunded capital needs will potentially double in the out years, the need has grown by \$50 million in just the past year, and that the unfunded needs will continue to stack up as facility maintenance continues to be deferred. There was much discussion among the Long Range Planning Committee about the timing for a bond election. The main points of the discussion were timing, trust, communication and acceptance of the capital needs by the community. Todd polled the Long Range Planning Committee members to understand everyone's perspective. The Long Range Planning Committee requested a copy of the Master Capital Plan presentation.

Board of Education Update: President Kevin Larsen provided an update on the activities of the Board of Education.

- Unplugged BOE Meeting: The Master Capital Plan presentation was received by the audience but quickly got overcome by other topics. The presentation included the possible timing of a bond election.
- Communication of Capital Needs: Kevin will begin discussions with elected officials. Kevin will forward meeting invitations to Todd for assistance from the Long Range Planning Committee.

Adjournment: Rudy Lukez moved and Cindy Barnard seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Future Meetings: The next meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2014 in the Rock Canyon High School library.