



Long Range Planning Committee  
 Wednesday, April 4, 2018  
 Meeting Minutes

Voting Members

X	Cindy Barnard	•	Kati Knisley				
X	Bob Binder	X	Rudy Lukez				
X	Nicole Bolger	X	Michelle Major				
•	Steven Franger	•	Martin Mavis				
X	John Freeman	•	Stephanie Stanley				
X	Brad Geiger	•	Chris Williams				
X	Kristen Hirsch	•	Karen Zimmerman				

Non-Voting Members

X	Richard Cosgrove	•	Thomas McMillen	X	Krista Holtzmann		
•	Gautam Sethi	X	Chris Pratt	•	Anthony Graziano		

X indicates attendance

**Tour**

LRPC members toured Douglas County High School North Building from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

**Call to Order**

Long Range Planning Committee Chair Brad Geiger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Douglas County High School. A quorum was not established due to the absence of several members.

**Minutes of 3-7-18 Meeting**

Approval of minutes was postponed due to the lack of a quorum.

**LRPC Membership**

Karen Zimmerman is working on scheduling interviews for two applicants.

**Superintendent Search**

Bob Binder provided a general overview of the process. General discussion about aspects of the search followed.

**Recommendation to Hire Consultant for Capacity/Reboundary Analysis**

The LRPC will present to the BOE on 4/17/18 to address two issues: The Capacity Subcommittee presentation and Ascent Classical Academy's request for the Meridian Village school site.

- Discussion followed about presenting a consistent message that this is a broader district issue regarding capacity and reboundarying.
- The LRPC has recommendations and feedback is that a consultant should be hired.
- There was discussion regarding suggested changes in policy, such as using mobiles to fill a school.
- The LRPC's obligation is to present data; owe the BOE a ranked inventory if nothing is changed for 2019-20.
- The question that needs to be asked of principals is what is the breaking point.
- Site-based budgeting is a factor.
- Full vetting and prioritization is important, especially with the community.
- Because this is a holistic approach, programs, policy regarding transportation, capacity numbers and enrollment could be affected. The cost of each of these are major buckets. Some of these may cost money whether there is a bond/mill or operational funds if available. It is important to address the issues relative to the bond now.
- It was discussed whether to present a timeline to the BOE.

- There is no runway to make these changes for 2018-19. Start to think long range for 2019-20, or push to 2020.
- This is sufficiently urgent that it is recommended the BOE consider policy changes, boundary changes as early as 2019-20 school year.
- The LRPC is in agreement to recommend hiring a consultant before the beginning of the 2018-19 school year for those recommendations to be effective 2019-20. The LRPC wants changes to be in place by 2021.

### **Charter School Applications & CART Process**

Kristen Hirsch discussed the CART process and provided an overview of the two new charter applications, one Montessori and one toward STEM. There was discussion regarding capacity issues in CART recommendations. The LRPC can raise questions to forward to the BOE.

### **MCP Timeline**

Rich Cosgrove provided the timeline used in past years. The draft will be completed by April 30, except for the development portion released by Douglas County in May, then it is submitted to the LRPC for comments, the BOE for a courtesy review, and presented to the BOE in June. As last year, the MCP will include opportunities and risks for new construction. The first opportunity is reboundarying with associated risks.

Rudy shared some historical data about DCSD schools. July 1, 2018 is the 60th birthday of the district as RE1. In 1958, 27 schools in Douglas County were reorganized into one district. It was suggested to incorporate a picture of Cherry Valley as our heritage school in the MCP and adding fun facts/trivia about how we got to the district we have today to the MPC to make it interesting. In 1960, the population of Douglas County was 4,816.

Rich Cosgrove discussed several changes in the new MCP, including:

- New construction for an alternative high school and special needs high school, a new high school and a school on the Meridian Village or Sierra Ridge school sites.
- \$2M for career tech/vo tech at PHS.
- A Nutrition Services warehouse expansion, including repurposing the existing freezer into a cooler and expanding the warehouse.

### **Charter School Partnerships with Neighborhood Schools & Facilities**

There is a request from the leadership team at American Charter School to use part of DCHS to open a 9-12 grade charter high school. The recommendation is that this is not an LRPC issue unless they can meet with leadership of DCHS and work out an agreement. ACS wants to acquire some of the space to set up a separate school instead of buying, renting the entire building. ACS wants to make it a win-win for DCHS through additional programming.

Platte River Academy has been asking how to acquire a 1-acre piece of land and will come back in June with a proposal to exchange something of value for that land.

There was discussion about collaborative approaches. If it comes, the LRPC should develop a process for future partnerships and leave room for creativity.

The LRPC should update the inventory of dedicated school sites for feasibility and recommended uses.

### **Board of Education Capital Update**

The LRPC requested the top five capital needs from all principals, including charters. Responses to date include 23 neighborhood and magnet schools and three charter schools. This will be included in the draft MCP. It was discussed that the MCP tiers the capital needs of charter schools but does not prioritize these needs. Feedback from Principals is consistent in that their highest capital needs are heating and cooling, carpeting and finishes, some drainage and parking lot issues.

There was a suggestion to assemble a database and ownership processes so the District understands charter school leases and purchase agreements.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

The May meeting is scheduled for May 2nd at Wilcox.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.