

**Long Range Planning Committee**  
Wednesday, September 4, 2013  
Meeting Minutes

Voting Members

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

Non-Voting Members

x	Rich Cosgrove	x	Marc Shaffer	x	Brien Hodges	x	Kurt Wolter
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X indicates attendance, ] = notification, ⊗ = no notification

Also in attendance were: Chief Operations Officer Bill Moffitt, Board of Education Vice President Kevin Larsen , and Recorder Barbara Homrighausen.

Call to order: LRPC Chair Todd Warnke called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Board Room.

Approval of Minutes: Rudy Lukez moved and Dilpreet Jammu seconded that the minutes of the June 5, 2013 Long Range Planning Committee meeting be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Introductions: New LRPC members Bryant Doyle (ThunderRidge feeder area), Mike Maloney (Castle View feeder area), Heather Acampora (At-large), Marc Schaffer (Secondary education), and Brien Hodges (Elementary education) were introduced.

Updates: Planning and Construction Director Richard Cosgrove provided updates on the following issues:

- Master Capital Plan – The Board of Education accepted the 2013-14 Master Capital Plan on June 18, 2013.
- Charter Schools
  - Aspen View Academy, a new charter school in the Meadows development in Castle Rock has been issued a temporary certificate of occupancy, and is scheduled to open in September.
  - Construction of American Academy Charter School on Motsenbocker Road in Parker is nearing completion, and is scheduled to open in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September, 2013.
  - The Board of Education gave conditional approval for two additional charter schools. If all conditions are met and final approval is granted, World Compass Academy would open for grades kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> at a yet to be determined location in the Castle Rock area in 2014. Global Village Academy hopes to open with kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grades in northern Douglas County in 2015.
  - STEM High School is in the approval stage for an interior tenant finish project for their current facility to provide additional educational program space.

Membership Report: The August 15, 2013 student membership report was reviewed. Student enrollment on August 15 was 61,886, which is 258 higher than the projected enrollment of 61,628. It was requested that future membership reports include class sizes.

Construction Report: Richard Cosgrove reported that over summer 2013, 45 capital renewal projects, totaling \$12 million were completed. Projects included day lighting improvements at five of the District's oldest schools. School administrators and teachers report that these improvements have a direct positive impact on education.

Boundary Analysis: Richard Cosgrove reported that the boundary analysis by Strategic Resources West is complete and will be reviewed by the Boundary Subcommittee of the LRPC in September. The study included analyzing every dwelling unit in the District and refining grid codes to plan for students generated from each area of the District. The study also takes into consideration approved Planned Developments, and known but not yet approved Planned Developments, and allows the District to plan beyond the findings of the 5 year Master Capital Plan. The results of the analysis will be shared at the October 2 meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee.

Pine Drive Site: On August 30, the District closed on the purchase of an 18 acre school site on Pine Drive in the Parker area, which is planned for a possible future pre-kindergarten through grade 8 magnet school.

Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 8 Educational Specifications: Richard Cosgrove reported that approval has been given to create facility standards for a Pre K-8 school. These specifications set standards for the number of classrooms, type and size of classrooms and adjacency to each other, administrative space(s), gymnasium(s), common areas and other needs. The District has hired an architect to facilitate design workshops on October 1 and October 2. Final Educational Specifications are expected by the end of October 2013.

Pre-Kindergarten –Grade 8 Facility Design Competition: Feedback from many groups, including students and staff, has been gathered regarding what is needed and wanted in a Pre K-8 school building to promote 21<sup>st</sup> century learning and world class education. Meetings with these groups facilitated feedback on what is needed inside and outside of the building, including technology needs, furniture, fixtures and equipment, etc.. Staff also visited Google in Boulder and contacted Apple to gather ideas on how facilities and equipment allow for collaboration. Common themes were flexible rooms and furniture, high connectivity for multiple devices for each student, spaces for hands on product based learning, spaces for collaboration, small teams, individual learning and social gatherings, and connectivity to the outside. Plans are to advertise nationally, interview and select architect teams to submit concept designs. The targeted concept design completion is July 1, 2014.

Election of 2013-14 Officers: There being no other nominations, the LRPC members voted unanimously to retain Todd Warnke as Chair and Dilpreet Jammu as Vice-Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee for 2013-14.

Other:

- Academy Charter School will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 20.

Future Meetings: LRPC members expressed a desire to hold some monthly meetings at locations other than the Board Room and asked staff to establish a meeting schedule that will allow to see-first-hand the variety of facilities that exist in the District.

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

- Employment: Human Resources records indicate that for every 2 teachers who left the District over the summer, 3 were added, resulting in 150 new teacher positions for the 2013-14 school year.
- Castle View High School and the Operations and Maintenance Department are partnering to develop and implement an apprentice program for at-risk students. As an apprentice, students would gain hands on experience in O&M trades under the guidance of an O&M mentor.
- The Board approved a proposal presented by a group of student leaders that would allow flexibility in the community service graduation requirement. Under the new guidelines, five hours of required community service can be earned for service within the school, the remaining 15 hours must be earned by doing service in the community.
- The Board responded to a request to expand the foreign exchange student program by allowing principals to determine the appropriate number of foreign exchange students enrolled at their school.
- Economic growth and lower tax delinquency rates in Douglas County have resulted in better financial projections for the District. As a result, the Board approved an additional 1% ongoing pay increase for District teachers. Additionally, the Board approved a one year commitment for a \$25 per student site based budget increase.
- Amendment 66 (school tax increase) will be on the November ballot. The Board has taken a position against supporting this ballot initiative.

Adjournment: Rudy Lukez moved and Jeff Rudolph seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.