

Long Range Planning Committee
Wednesday, October 3, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Voting Members

x	Cindy Barnard	x	Shelyce Foster]	Gregg Sherry		
⊗	Kim DeCoste	x	Ramona Jobe]	Stephanie Stanley		
x	Dilpreet Jammu]	Jennifer Johnson	x	Wendy Vogel		
x	Kay Dry	x	Rudy Lukez	x	Todd Warnke		
x	Gail Feeder]	Zeke Lynch				
]	Anne Fenske	⊗	Patricia Montoya				

Non Voting Members

x	Rich Cosgrove	x	Karmen Smith	⊗	Sheila Beving]	Jack Hoagland
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X indicates attendance,] = notification, ⊗ = no notification

Also in attendance were: Construction Director Richard Cosgrove, Planning Manager Anita McLain, Chief Operations Officer Bill Moffitt and Recorder Barbara Homrighausen, Board of Education Director Kevin Larsen.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by LRPC Chair Rudy Lukez in the Board Room at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Gail Feeder moved and Shelyce Foster seconded that the minutes of the September 5, 2012 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Election of Officers: Cindy Barnard nominated Todd Warnke for the position of Long Range Planning Committee Chair for the 2012-2013 school year. Wendy Vogel seconded the nomination. Warnke accepted the nomination and was elected by a unanimous vote.

Cindy Barnard nominated Dilpreet Jammu for the position of Long Range Planning Committee Vice-Chair for the 2012-2013 school year. Wendy Vogel seconded the nomination. Jammu accepted the nomination and was elected by a unanimous vote.

Long Range Planning Committee members extended their appreciation for the leadership of Rudy Lukez and Kay Dry in their roles of LRPC chair and vice-chair during 2011-2012.

Membership: Director of Planning and Construction Rich Cosgrove reported that there were thirteen applicants submitted for six LRPC vacancies. Seven candidates were interviewed by a subcommittee comprised of Kay Dry, Dilpreet Jammu, Todd Warnke and Board of Education Director Kevin Larsen. Gail Feeder moved that the LRPC accept the subcommittee's recommendation to forward Jeffrey Rudolph (Chaparral High School feeder area); Jeffrey Francis (Castle View High School feeder area); Shauna Rossin (Douglas County High School feeder area); Caryn Becker (At-large); and Steven Wright (At-large) to the Board of education for approval. The Board of Education will act on the LRPC's recommendation when it meets on Tuesday, October 16, 2012.

Land Acquisitions:

- 11041 Pine Drive - Rich Cosgrove reported that the District is in negotiations to purchase an 18 acre site located at 11041 Pine Drive in Parker. Cosgrove stated that this site is centrally located north of East Mainstreet in Parker and ideally suited to provide future enrollment capacity relief in central and east Parker. The northern boundary of this site also joins two acres of Douglas County open space. The County has expressed intent to convey the open space to the District at no cost, resulting in a 20 acre site. The number and rate of residential permits in the area is projected to increase. There are no other dedicated school sites in the immediate area along East Mainstreet or East Parker Road. The site is suitable for an elementary school or K-8 school, and has space for a regional Early Childhood Center. Rezoning would be required since the site is currently zoned for residential development. The purchase price for the property is \$1,680,000. The Board of Education will act on the purchase of this property when it meets on Tuesday, October 16, 2012.

- Motsenbocker Road school site - In 2006 a 10 acre school site was dedicated to Douglas County School District for the Horseshoe Ridge residential development. The site is located on Motsenbocker Road north of Hess Road in Parker. In 2012 the Town of Parker and Board of Education approved the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the Horseshoe Ridge school site. The amendment included the provision for a substitute school site in lieu of the Horseshoe Ridge school site.

A 9.1 acre site located on Motsenbocker Road south of East Mainstreet in Parker is listed for sale. The site is in close proximity to the Horseshoe Ridge site and can accommodate the students generated from the Horseshoe Ridge development. The site is also centrally located in areas of high growth in enrollment over the next five years: 700 for Legend HS feeder, 430 for Chaparral HS feeder, 220 for Cimarron MS, 130 for Sierra MS, and 190 for Gold Rush ES. Five year enrollment projections indicate Cimarron MS and Gold Rush ES will be over program capacity on a traditional or modified calendar. In the 2010 -2011 school year elementary schools in the Legend HS and Ponderosa HS feeders also reconfigured sixth grade to Cimarron MS and Sagewood MS due to capacity limits at several elementary schools and to plan for future residential development.

- The 9.1 acre site is suitable for an elementary or K-8 school. Rezoning would be required since the site is currently zoned for senior residential development. Funds to purchase the site will be transferred from the Town of Parker to the District in accordance with the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement. Funds to purchase the site will also be provided by American Academy Charter School as part of a separate agenda item for approval by the Board of Education. The Board of Education will act on the purchase of this property when it meets on Tuesday, October 16, 2012.

Charter School Update: American Academy Charter School has requested use of the 9.1 acre school site located on Motsenbocker Road in Parker to open an 800 student capacity replica of its current school in Castle Pines. Five voted aye, three voted nay, and one abstained from the vote on the following motion:

Whereas American Academy has requested use of a 9.1 acre site located on Motsenbocker Road in Parker and has agreed to partner with the Douglas County School District to address capacity shortfalls, to be determined on an annual basis. The Long Range Planning Committee recommends that the Board of Education accept American Academy's request for use of the 9.1 acre site with the following provisions: Funds for DCSD to purchase the site and retain title will be provided by the Town of Parker in accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Horseshoe Ridge dedicated school site, and American Academy if required. All agency and governmental conditions of the land purchase contract must be satisfied, including rezoning. All facility plans will be reviewed and approved by DCSD staff and appropriate governmental entities as applicable. In the event of dissolution, the property reverts to the Douglas County School District.

Charter School and Open Enrollment Impacts: There was a lengthy discussion about the impact incorrect charter school enrollment numbers and open enrollment have on the accuracy of student enrollment projections and student based budgeting. Comments included:

- Opinion that open enrollment is accepted for financial gain

- Charter school principals need to be accountable for true numbers on wait lists.
- Should be able to get a database of all charter school wait lists and vet them against capacity
 - These wait lists will be used only for planning purposes, will be kept confidential, and will not be used shared with other schools.
 - Expect resistance from parents and charter schools to share lists
- DCSD has made huge strides in improving relationship with charter schools
- Everything should be about what's better for kids. It is not better for kids to be in a crowded school.
- Suggestion to invite charter school leadership to LRPC and tell them what LRPC is trying to do for them.
- Suggestion: reduce funding for open enrolled students who are accepted at schools that open enrollment takes it over capacity.
- Suggestion for motion from LRPC for staff and Board of Education to get data from charter schools.
- Kevin Larsen supports idea of recommendation from LRPC.
- Need to come up with funding mechanism that isn't capacity driven (be creative – maybe programmatic funding)

Membership Report: Planning Manager Anita McLain reported that due to late delivery of October enrollment data, a membership report is not available at meeting time. A membership report will be presented at the November meeting.

LRPC Bylaws: A discussion about considering LRPC representation by high school feeder area as opposed to planning area resulted in the decision to not change the bylaws. The importance of high school feeder area representation was stressed. No changes will be made to the bylaws. Board of Education Director Kevin Larsen stated that he recognizes the Long Range Planning Committee as an exemplar for other Board committees.

Other:

- Outdated signage at dedicated school sites in Highlands Ranch have been removed and will be replaced with new signs will be changed to identify sites as a dedicated school site, not future school site.
- Signs visible to the public will be posted at schools where major improvement projects are planned
- Changes to the Elementary Progress Report are on the October DAC meeting agenda

Future Meetings: The next Long Range Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7 at Academy Charter School in Castle Rock.

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

- No Douglas County School District issues will appear on the November ballot
- September 8 –
 - High School schedule changes
 - Data on changes in class sizes and what classes students could take
- Members of the Student Advisory Group reported to the Board, and will be regular participants in Board meetings
- An extensive update on Pay for Performance was provided to the Board at the October 2 meeting
- The Douglas County Federation of Teachers still exists, and teachers can still join.
- District employees were given a one percent salary increase, and two one percent retention bonuses

Adjournment: Rudy Lukez moved and Dilpreet Jammu seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.