



Long Range Planning Committee  
Wednesday, April 2, 2014  
Meeting Minutes

Voting Members

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

Non-Voting Members

	Richard Cosgrove	]	Marc Schaffer	x	Tom McMillen	]	Kurt Wolter
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X indicates attendance, ] = notification, ⊗ = no notification

Also in attendance: Board of Education President Kevin Larsen, Chief Student Advocacy Officer Jason Germain, one community member and recorder Barbara Homrighausen.

Call to Order: Long Range Planning Committee Chair Todd Warnke called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. in the Rock Canyon High School library.

Approval of Minutes: Rudy Lukez moved and John Monark seconded that the minutes of the March 5, 2014 Long Range Planning Committee meeting be approved. Thirteen voted aye, none opposed, four abstained.

Announcements: Director of Planning and Construction Richard Cosgrove reported that Chief Operations Officer Bill Moffitt retired from the District effective March 1 and Planning Manager Anita McLain retired on April 1. Both positions have been posted.

K-8 Special Education School: Chief Student Advocacy Officer Jason Germain provided a cost benefit analysis of a proposed 45,000 square foot K-8 special education school. The location of the school, modeled after the Plum Creek Academy facility, is yet to be identified. According to the analysis, the estimated construction cost is \$15 million, and administrative salary and benefits are estimated to be a maximum \$120,000. Estimated cost savings could be realized from recovery of funding for out of district students (\$400,000), reduction in transportation of students to facilities located outside of DCSD (\$150,000), elimination of need for additional early childhood education center (\$6 million), and annual rent for special needs programs currently housed in leased facilities (\$150,000). Additionally space currently being occupied by the 11 center-based special needs programs located in DCSD neighborhood schools could be repurposed as general education classrooms at minimal cost. Using these data, the investment in a new facility would be repaid in approximately 13 years.

Lukez moved and Caryn Becker seconded the motion that, in recognition of the need for kindergarten through 8th grade capacity for Special Education programming, a 45,000 square foot K-8 Special Education School, or acquisition of one or more existing facilities (based on capacity needed), in exchange for vacated center-based Special Education classrooms, be included in the 2014-15 Master Capital Plan for a cost not to exceed \$15 million. Eleven voted aye, four voted nay, one abstained. Motion carried.

Charter School Application Update: Director of Student and Parent Choice Tom McMillen provided an update on applications for three new charter schools in Douglas County.

- Alexandria School of Innovation is to open for grades kindergarten through five school and have a STEM focus. Enrollment at full build out is projected to be 1,400, serving grades kindergarten through twelve. The applicant has not identified a location other than northeast Douglas County.
- John Adams High School is a proposed grade 9 through 12 high school with projected enrollment of 1,400 at build out. The school will focus on college prep, and all students will be required to take a minimum of three advance placement courses. The applicant has not identified a location other than northern Douglas County.
- Parker School of Performing Arts is planned to serve grades kindergarten through eight, with projected enrollment of 675 at full build out. The school design is a blended model, featuring academic programming for half the day and a performing arts program for the other half of the day. The applicant has not identified a location other than in or near Parker.

The Office of Choice Programming is coordinating District review of each of the components in the charter applications, and will conduct in-person interviews with each of the applicants in April. McMillen stated that impact on neighborhood school capacity is not a factor for approval or denial of a charter school application. Staff recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Education for action in late May.

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

- After a rigorous selection process, Richard Robbins was appointed to fill the vacancy in District F created by the resignation of Director Justin Williams. Robbins' term will expire in November 2015.
- The Board approved a Certificate of Participation in the amount of \$15 million to be used for capital reinvestment.
- All Colorado school district superintendents are asking the legislature to restore \$170 million in school funding.
- Questions at the April 1 Unplugged School Board meeting will be addressed when the Board meets next on April 15. In an effort to streamline and enhance the public comment process, the procedure will change to allow up to three minutes of public comment per person addressing the Board before agenda items are acted on. Meetings will end with an opportunity for public comment limited to one minute per speaker. Public comments will be logged, and there will closure to every comment, i.e., the issue will be addressed at a later date, the issue will not be addressed, etc.

Other:

- The construction project at the STEM School is nearly complete, and well under budget. An open house is scheduled for April 26.
- New member selection will begin in April. Members whose term expires in 2014 should contact the Planning staff and provide notification as to whether they will return for another three year term, or will leave the LRPC.

Adjournment: Rudy Lukez moved and Gail Feeder seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.