



Long Range Planning Committee
Wednesday, April 6th, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Voting Members

X	Caryn Becker	X	Brad Geiger				
⌋	Katie Fox	X	Cindy Barnard				
⌋	Gail Feeder	X	Stephanie Stanley				
X	Todd Warnke	⌋	Rudy Lukez				
X	Karen Zimmerman						
⌋	Kay Dry						

Non-Voting Members

X	Richard Cosgrove	X	Shavon Caldwell	X	Thomas Tsai	X	Thomas Mc Millen
X	Kurt Wolter	X	Meghann Silverthorn				

Chris Pratt and Sandra Brownrigg of the DAC, Ted Knight-Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, Kelly Roe-Principal of Clear Sky Elementary, Chris Williams-New LRPC Member, and Kati Knisley-New LRPC Member were also in attendance

X indicates attendance, ⌋ = notification, ⊗ = no notification

Call to Order

Long Range Planning Committee Chair Todd Warnke called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

Approval of March 2, 2016 Minutes

Long Range Planning Committee Chair Todd Warnke asked for any objections or additions to the March LRPC minutes. None were made. Brad Geiger moved to approve the March minutes. Cindra Barnard seconded. Karen Zimmerman and Caryn Becker abstain. Motion passes

New Member Introductions

LRPC Chair Todd Warnke introduced current members to the two of the new LRPC members Chris Williams and Katie Knisley. He informed the group that Chris and Katie were two of the four new members that would be recommended for LRPC membership at the April Board of Education meeting. He informed the group that the LRPC Interview Subcommittee had finished the first round of interviews and would be interviewing four additional candidates later on in the week. Chris Williams is a Building Engineer at Northridge Elementary and will be the LRPC representative for the Ponderosa High School Feeder Area. Katie Knisley is a Program Manager for Wells Fargo and will be the LRPC representative for the Castle View High School Feeder Area. Josh Kuper and Bob Binder were not in attendance but will also be recommended as new members at the April Board meeting. They will be representatives for the Chaparral High School Feeder Area and the Castle View High School Feeder Area.

South Ridge Elementary Welcome and Facility Tour

Erin Carlson, Principal of South Ridge Elementary welcomed the group to the South Ridge Elementary facility and took the group on a brief tour of the building and grounds.

Capacity Analysis and Review

LRPC Chair Todd Warnke noted that Kelly Roe, Principal of Clear Sky, and Ted Knight, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education were in attendance to offer their input on capacity relief options for Clear Sky Elementary and in the Meadows as a whole. Kelly Roe noted the following:

- She does not believe capacity to be a pressing issue for Clear Sky right now as enrollment projections reflect a stable student population for the next couple years
- Staff is concerned about the 4 track recommendation. They do not know if the building is equipped to handle this programmatic change
- Her staff and community would like more information on how grade reconfiguration (6th grade going to Castle Rock MS)
- Her staff and community would like more information on a potential attendance area boundary change, i.e. specifically if boundaries could be redrawn so King's Ranch and other developments close to Larkspur could be in the Larkspur attendance area
- Gym usage and bathroom access from the mobiles are the primary capacity issues Kelly believes her school is facing right now but do not currently feel like huge pressing issues
- Acknowledge that PK is growing every year and that along with potential all-day Kindergarten legislation could be very problematic for Clear Sky

Ted Knight, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education gave an overview of the bussing program to Larkspur that has been implemented. The program offers free transportation for students in the Meadows area wishing to attend Larkspur Elementary. The following was discussed and noted regarding the Larkspur bussing program:

- Can this program be more aggressively marketed? The District is Choice and families will choose to attend the school that's best for them but we may want to target communications and marketing to the Meadows community more
- It's difficult to canvass and do mailings on this level; it's very expensive to do on a limited budget
- Keep in mind if and when Larkspur is slated for growth. Don't want this same problem at Larkspur Elementary in a few years
- The District's new Empower Ed website gives a full picture of programming, etc. at each school. This may be a good location to offer information on this program
- Choice fairs may also be a good location/time to advertise this program
- Aggressive marketing can be problematic; although we are trying to solve capacity issue in a specific location have to keep in mind the net impact to the entire District
- Keep in mind that PK can be shifted and often is. This is not as disruptive to parents because usually it is only one year of PK. However, new PK sites are added every year and the demand is definitely not going down.

Todd Warnke, LRPC Chair returned the conversation to the potential for a motion to present to the Board of Education on the Clear Sky and Meadows capacity recommendations. The following was discussed and noted regarding the potential motion:

- Although this may be regarded as an issue that is not currently urgent many of the proposed remedies are slow acting remedies that require years to implement. By the time this is regarded as an urgent issue we may already be hindered in our ability to react.
- Remember that the Meadows as a whole, not specifically Clear Sky, has a growth and capacity issue.
- Recommendation could simply be a laundry list of all the tools and options available instead of a recommendation for the use of one tool
- Need to be sure to not focus all the attention on this one issue. We need to keep the focus on the big picture of all of DCSD's capital needs
- The Board is open to being given a high level overview and notification at April meeting and then the LRPC can follow up with more detail at the following meetings. The Board will understand this is only a small portion of the conversation and will not lose sight of the big picture

Todd Warnke requested a motion for the committee to present capacity options to address urgent capacity issues in the Meadows as soon as possible to the Board of Education. The specifics of the recommendation are to be developed by Chair, the committee, and staff. Recommendation will utilize options and tools discussed in previous LRPC meetings and minutes. Brad Geiger moves and Stephanie Stanley seconds. Motion passes

The committee then briefly reviewed the specifics of the recommendation. The following was decided on:

- Remove the funding component tied to each individual option since that is not LRPC scope
- Remove the District led Charter option since there are too many unknowns with this option
- Remove value engineering as an option since this is not technically a capacity tool

2016-17 Master Capital Plan

Rich Cosgrove, Director of Planning & Construction informed the group that a draft version of the 2016-17 Master Capital Plan would be available for review and comments by the May meeting. Committee members will have approximately 2-3 weeks to review the document and the presentation to the Board of Education on DCSD capital needs will occur at the June meeting. The following was briefly discussed regarding capacity data in the Master Capital Plan:

- Programming and special programs have an effect on capacity. Is this something we should start looking at in the Master Capital Plan?

Student Involvement/LRPC Bylaws Revisions:

This will be an agenda item at the April Board of Education meeting. The amendment will allow for the addition of a DCSD High School student to serve on the LRPC as a non-voting member.

Board of Education Capital Update:

The FOC presented a variety of capital funding options to the Board of Education at their April 5th working session. The entire presentation is available on the website. The FOC presented a list of viable and non-viable options. The final recommendation from the FOC was to fund needs via an 83M bond and 23M mill levy override. Reasoning available in presentation but this option offered tax efficiencies and a balanced approach. The Board of Education is still determining if they will pursue any options this election year or not. Stephanie Stanley from the FOC offered herself as a resource for members that had additional questions.

Other

None

BoE Update:

None

Adjourn

Brad Geiger moves to adjourn the meeting. Todd Wanke seconds. All ayes. Motion passes to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm