



Long Range Planning Committee
Wednesday, August 3rd, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Voting Members

X	Caryn Becker	X	Brad Geiger	X	Bob Binder		
X	Katie Fox	⌋	Cindy Barnard	X	Josh Kuper		
⌋	Gail Feeder	X	Stephanie Stanley	⌋	Anthony Wilemon		
X	Todd Warnke	X	Rudy Lukez	⌋	Laura Jensen		
X	Karen Zimmerman	X	Chris Williams	X	Joyce Mirenyi		
X	Kay Dry	X	Kati Knisley	X	Michelle Major		

Non-Voting Members

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

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

LRPC Membership

LRPC Chair Todd Warnke introduced the committee to our two new members, Michelle Major and Joyce Mirenyi. Joyce Mirenyi will serve as one of the committee representative for the Rock Canyon High School feeder and Michelle Major will serve as one of the committee representative for the ThunderRidge High School feeder. Both new members were unanimously recommended by the LRPC Membership Subcommittee and approved by the DCSD Board of Education.

Approval of June 8th, 2016 Minutes

Long Range Planning Committee Chair Todd Warnke asked for any objections or additions to the June 8th, 2016 LRPC minutes. None were made. Brad Geiger moved to approve the June minutes. Karen Zimmerman seconded. Stephanie Stanley abstains. Motion passes.

Future Meeting Locations

Long Range Planning Committee Chair Todd Warnke asked for suggestions from the group regarding meeting locations for the upcoming 2016-17 school year. The following suggestions and comments were offered by committee members:

- Like the idea of having the monthly meeting at alternating locations. These locations could be a mix of neighborhood schools, charter schools, and support facilities
- The committee should look at the MCP and visit those schools with the most and/or atypical needs
- These meetings at alternative locations can be scheduled in conjunction with upcoming SAC meetings so the committee can perform outreach with SACs
- There is still interest in visiting Stone Canyon EdVentures

The committee agreed to have their September meeting at Northridge Elementary. Committee member Chris Williams will provide a brief tour of the building.

Polling Results

On August 2nd the Board of Education discussed a ballot measure proposal to raise taxes via a mill levy override and/or a bond measure. This discussion followed up on a presentation and recommendation made by the Financial Oversight Committee in April 2016 and a ballot measure feasibility poll conducted in June 2016. Committee members discussed the Board of Education resolution and offered the following comments, questions, and concerns:

- Pleasantly surprised that outcome of poll was so positive. This can serve as another data point in preparation for next year and shows the importance of our outreach
- This reflects the need to continue informing non-parents about capital needs. DCSD's capital needs should be on the forefront as much as teacher salaries. There's still not as much awareness as there needs to be for as hard as we worked performing the outreach. It needs to be more of a focus
- Even though numbers were positive, they weren't positive enough. There is always an erosion of support as get closer to Election Day. I would have liked to see a larger margin.
- The timing of when and how this was discussed by the Board seems like a big issue. The timing of the process and when we have the most momentum didn't seem to be thought out well. May want to rethink how and when these types of surveys are pursued
- This reflects the need for the outreach to be a true joint venture between us, the FOC, and the DAC. In order to fully educate and communicate the whole picture and have the best, most complete outreach this committee needs to work together with the other committees.
- We have opportunity to ramp up the grassroots support needed to win Bond. This doesn't have to be a negative thing. Silver lining-construction costs and getting labor may be high/slim pickings. Could be an opportunity for cost saving and to tell our story over the next year
- The need for a long runway is known. Research shows 200+ meetings and 1 year or more of outreach, communication, and programming is needed to successfully educate on a Bond.
- We should always in the mode/practice as if you're going for a Bond. Continuously do outreach, communication, and in the public eye telling our story.
- Should we resurrect/reshare the research done by campaign research subcommittee? Should this be handed over to FOC as that's where it actually belongs?

LRPC Chair Todd Warnke then opened the floor to questions regarding LRPC conduct and limitations regarding outreach on our capital needs. It was noted that LRPC members are welcome to meet with SACS and community members on their own as subject matter experts on the MCP but that members should be careful about the following:

- Ensuring information is valid and consistent
- Explicitly asserting that the financing strategies behind the MCP are not our subject matter and that financing options are FOC purview

It was also asked if the Board would be open to a joint LRPC FOC outreach that outlined needs as well as potential options. Board liaison Meghann Silverthorn stated that this would definitely be an option although the logistics would need to be worked out. LRPC Chair Todd Warnke and Planning & Construction Director Rich Cosgove ended the discussion with a reminder that the goal of the outreach is to inform and educate not to advocate for a specific ballot measure.

LRPC Subcommittees

LRPC Chair Todd Warnke and Planning Manager Shavon Caldwell briefed the latest draft of the LRPC Subcommittees document which includes a proposed calendar on when projects should be started, reported out on, and followed up on. The committee offered the following comments and concerns:

Committees need to be proactive in understanding the history/background on these issues

For the outreach and MCP committees, subcommittee members are organizers not the sole ones to work on the issue. Be assured that membership in a subcommittee does not commit you the only work on that one topic

There's no method for appointment or control in this document. It might be good to determine a process for appointing. Experienced members should pair with new members.

Love the idea of creating leaders and strength through knowledge that will be grown in these subcommittees

Committee members expressed some concern with the time commitment needed and the flexibility in scheduling offered in the suggested subcommittees. Planning Manager Shavon Caldwell stated that the document was simply a proposal and is open to any edits and changes requested by the committee. She also stated that the time commitment given to each project/topic should be determined by the individual subcommittee allowing each member the flexibility to participate as much or as little suits them. Shavon also stated that the time of year that subcommittee work is done can also be flexible.

The discussion ended with the agreement that Planning Manager Shavon would e-mail out a signup sheet and share it with all committee members. The topic of subcommittee work will be continued at the September meeting.

Board of Education Capital Update:

Board of Education liaison Meghann Silverthorn provided a summary of the Board discussion regarding the proposal submitted for tax increase. She informed committee members that some parts of discussion ventured into other areas of school finance that didn't have a lot to do with the proposal and that the proposal didn't garner Board support for many reasons, primarily that the proposal on the table didn't address all the concerns and needs adequately. Meghann announced that the appointed interim superintendent would be Erin Kane who is currently serving as the executive director at American Academy. She stated that the Board will meet again in 2 weeks to discuss a contract and agreement with her. Lastly, Meghann informed the group that a third party firm will hold Town Halls to develop questions for an upcoming community survey. Three separate Town Halls will be held in the following month and any suggested community survey questions from the committee can be directed to Meghann.

Officer Elections

LRPC Chair Todd Warnke opened the floor for nominations stating that he would like to relinquish the Chair title granted another member was interested in serving. Rudy Lukez nominated Caryn Becker as Chair. Caryn declined the nomination due to her current work schedule. Chris Williams nominated Brad Geiger for Chair. Brad Geiger accepted. All members voted aye. None opposed and no abstentions. Nomination accepted. Todd Warnke nominated Rudy Lukez for Vice Chair. Rudy accepted. All members voted aye. None opposed and no abstentions. Nomination accepted.

Other

Stephanie Stanley announced that she is still looking for LRPC members interested in serving as the FOC liaison. Any interested members should contact Stephanie directly.

Adjourn

Brad Geiger moves to adjourn the meeting. Caryn Becker seconds. All ayes. Motion passes to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.