



Long Range Planning Committee
Wednesday, November 4th, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Voting Members

⊗	Matt Rogers	X	Brad Geiger				
X	Katie Fox	X	Cindy Barnard				
X	Gail Feeder	X	Stephanie Stanley				
X	Dilpreet Jammu	X	Rudy Lukez				
X	Karen Zimmerman	X	Todd Warnke				
X	Kay Dry	X	Caryn Becker				

Non-Voting Members

X	Richard Cosgrove	X	Shavon Caldwell	X	Thomas Tsai	X	Kurt Wolter
X	Kevin Larsen	X	Thomas Mc Millen				

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

Call to Order: Long Range Planning Committee Chair Todd Warnke called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of May 6, 2015 Minutes: LRPC Chair Todd Warnke asked for any objections or additions to May meeting minutes. No objections or additions. Brad Geiger moved to pass the May minutes. Karen Zimmerman seconded. None opposed and no abstentions. Motion passed.

Approval of August 5, 2015 Minutes: LRPC Chair Todd Warnke asked for any objections or additions to August meeting minutes. No objections or additions. Brad Geiger moved to pass the August minutes. Kay Dry seconded. None opposed and no abstentions. Motion passed.

LRPC Chair and Vice Chair Elections: LRPC Chair Todd Warnke re-stated process of nominating Chair and Vice-Chair, i.e. anyone is able to nominate someone during the meeting and voting is done via a verbal open count. Rudy Lukez nominated Todd Warnke as LRPC Chair. No other nominations were made. Rudy Lukez moved that Todd Warnke serve as LRPC Chair. Brad Geiger seconded. None opposed and no abstentions. Motion passed. Dilpreet Jammu moved that Caryn Becker serve as Vice-Chair. Brad Geiger seconded. None opposed and no abstentions. Motion passed.

LRPC Involvement in Charter Review: Renaissance Magnet School Request, DCSD Charter School Request for Proposal, and Charter Application Review Team: In early October, Rich Cosgrove the Director of Planning & Construction requested LRPC assistance in considering three distinct Charter capital related items: 1.) A request from a group of parents associated with Renaissance Magnet School to submit a Charter application for an Expeditionary Learning/Outward Bound High School program, 2.) An RFP process (currently being reviewed and considered by DCSD leadership) from Charter schools interested in locating on DCSD owned sites, and 3.) Including a LRPC representative on the Charter Application Review Team

- 1.) **Renaissance Magnet School:** A group of parents associated with Renaissance Magnet School intends to submit a charter application for an Expeditionary Learning/Outward Bound high school program. Program would be 7-12 graders and a total of approximately 300 students. The group has proposed to partner with neighborhood high schools for extracurricular activities and athletics. The group proposes to lease land on the District’s school site

which currently has Renaissance Magnet School and an Early Childhood Center. Castle Rock Middle School and Mesa Middle School are not forecasted to have capacity issues in the next 5 years but as development of Pine Canyon, Pioneer Ranch, Macanta, and Crystal Valley continues these schools could reach and possibly exceed capacity unless other schools are built in the area. Castle View High School has already met its ideal program capacity and an addition to the school is identified in the 2015-16 Master Capital Plan. The committee was asked to review this request and give feedback.

- 2.) **DCSD Charter School Request for Proposal:** To date a Charter school RFP has not been implemented. Using an RFP process to fully analyze the Renaissance request could be an opportunity to pilot and refine the RFP process. The committee was asked to review documentation on the process and give feedback
- 3.) **DCSD Charter Application Review Team (CART):** Each March Charter schools can apply to the District for approval. The LRPC has requested to have a representative on the review team. The committee was asked to review and familiarize themselves with the evaluation rubric used, the process, and the timeline. They were also asked to identify a member that would serve as the LRPC CART representative.

Rich Cosgrove noted that the process would be competitive and open and that the Early Childhood Center addition identified in the Master Capital Plan has already been considered. Regarding capacity, it was noted that there is a need in this area for additional High School capacity and that there will be a need for Middle School capacity in the future. Thomas Tsai, Chief Operating Officer, noted that the need for this type of programming (which DCSD does not currently have) should also be considered.

Noted Points and Standing Questions by LRPC Members:

- CART representative should not be a current LRPC Charter representative. It will be beneficial to involve and educate those who are not currently representatives of the Charter community.
- Need to make sure that RFP and CART process evaluates impact (financial and capacity) on neighborhood schools
- Review should include data on where Renaissance Magnet 6th graders are going upon leaving that facility; i.e. are they leaving the District (possibly to pursue this type of specialized programming) or are they returning to neighborhood schools?
- There is a need for collaboration between DAC, FOC, and LRPC on these topics. All committees should be included in reviewing and giving feedback on financial, programming, and facility aspects.
- Is the intent to lease land or grant it free of charge to Charter? How do we make this a fair and equitable process if some Charters have to purchase their land and some are granted their land by the District?
- Review should include evaluation of meeting programming need by bringing programming into neighborhood schools
- Is it appropriate to include in the RFP that the applicant must mitigate any impact to neighborhood schools?

The committee identified Stephanie Stanley as their chosen CART representative.

Special Education K-8 Facility: Rich Cosgrove the Director of Planning & Construction gave an update on the possible future Special Education K-8 facility. He noted that staff located a viable property to tenant finish. The purchase price for this property is 2.7M and the total cost of the finished facility would be approximately 6.2M. If and when Board approves, staff will have a 90 day due diligence period. New staff would not be needed. Staff exists at distributed program sites in schools and would be relocated to new facility. Students would be nearly 100% bussed, i.e. traffic impacts will be minimal. There is a need to work with the Town of Parker to rezone the property.

Noted Points and Standing Questions by LRPC Members:

- This will free up capacity in neighborhood schools and also free up a dedicated site
- Cost of tenant finishing is much lower than cost of constructing this facility new (identified as a need in the 2014-15 Master Capital Plan)
- Process should include input from parents of students at center based programs.

2015-16 Master Capital Plan: Rich Cosgrove, Director of Planning & Construction gave an update on the 2015-16 Master Capital Plan and the scheduled presentation of the document to the Board of Education at the November 18, 2015 meeting. Rich reminded the committee of the following changes that had been implemented since the last meeting:

- Applying a color palette which is easier to differentiate
- Utilizing bar charts instead of pyramids to provide accurate scale
- Breaking out new construction from capital renewal
- Breaking out all new construction projects in the pie charts
- Identifying the important capital renewal by year

- Highlighting the important capital renewal by year which may interrupt the education program if a failure were to occur
- Highlighting the important capital renewal completed in recent years, along with the funding sources
- Removing the SPED K-8 from new construction
- Removing the Early Childhood Center in the North Planning Area from new construction

Rich noted that the new approach for the 2015-16 Master Capital Plan is intended to increase clarity and transparency by:

- Listing all identified projects individually rather than grouping them by type
- Identifying which projects should be prioritized above others
- Breaking out projected cost by individual components
- Providing alternative new construction scenarios

Noted Points and Standing Questions by LRPC Members:

- There is still general confusion around how Charter capital works. Future documents may need a section that clarifies questions around this
- Removing the year component from this document makes it difficult to budget and plan for capital expenditures. Absolutely need to include a timeline/timeframe as part of this document. It is extremely difficult to come up with a funding strategy if you don't know what year the projects are needed in.
- Document should include an explanation for why it looks drastically different from last year's document
- Document should include the total projected cost for all capital over the next five years
- Document should include statement that identified needs are currently largely unfunded

Dilpreet Jammu moved that the 2015-16 Master Capital Plan be amended to include information the following:

- 1.) An explanation of changes made in 2015-16 MCP –what those changes are and why they were made
- 2.) Total projected cost of all identified capital items and new construction over the next 5 years
- 3.) Statement that the Master Capital Plan serves to assist the Board of Education on future capital funding strategies.

Brad Geiger seconded. Kay Dry opposed. Motion carries with 10-1.

Gail Feeder moved that 2015-16 Master Capital Plan be presented at the November 18, 2015 Board of Education meeting.

Dilpreet Jammu seconded. Cindra Barnard opposed. Kay Dry abstained. Motion carries 9-1-1.

LRPC Membership:

Karen Zimmerman, Brad Geiger, Todd Warnke, Caryn Becker, and Cindra Barnard have volunteered to serve on the LRPC applicant interview committee. Todd Warnke notified the committee DCSD is still accepting applications and that scheduling of interviews and interviews will be conducted in the months to follow.

Other: None.

Board of Education Capital Update: None.

Adjourn: Todd Warnke moved and Caryn Becker seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.