

Long Range Planning Committee

Minutes

October 26, 2015

District Office Training Room

Members in Attendance:

Jon Froderberg	Jill Carlson	Nancy Shepherd	Trina Caudle
Lea Williams	Troy Schueller	Jerry Anderson	Kate Orozco
Lisa May	Jeff Bengtson	Teresa Runge	Brian Wallace
Eden Irgens	Monique English	Steve Casey	Bryan Martin
Raniel Diaz	Teresa	Tracy Weimer-	Laura Rumppler
Rose Backs	Armstrong	Shull	Casey Morrisroe
Bill Rutherford	Sandy Brixen	Ex-Officio:	Guests:
Robyn Clevenger	Blair Williams	Matt Handelman	Deanne Clifford

Members not able to attend: Lori Wallin, Carrie Cook, Dana Specht

Welcome

LRP Chair, Jon Froderberg, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Introductions were made and Jon welcomed all to the first meeting of the year. Twelve new members joined the committee this year.

Business - Approval of May Minutes

Motion by Eden Irgens to approve the June 10th and June 15th minutes, second by Lea Williams - approved

Elect Vice Chair

Motion by Rose Backs to nominate Lisa May as Vice Chair, second by Eden Irgens.

Motion by Jill Carlson to nominate Steve Casey as Vice Chair, second by Jerry Anderson.

After a hand vote, Lisa May was voted in as Vice Chair.

Future Meeting Dates/times

Proposed meeting dates are 11/30, 12/14, 1/25, 2/29, 3/21, 4/25, 5/23 with all meetings beginning at 4:30-6 at the Midtown Center meeting room at 5th and Linden. Glenda will send out electronic invites. The March meeting may have to be rescheduled if the School Board decides to hold a workshop reserved for that day.

Bylaws

Chair Froderberg gave a brief explanation of the bylaws. There was discussion around the length of the facility plan – six years vs ten years. Eden Irgens made a motion for the Long Range Plan (LRP) to be six years instead of ten. Motion died for the lack of a second. LRP bylaws were reviewed and do not indicate the number of years we must plan for. Construction Services Group (CSG) indicated that it is very difficult to plan out ten years with reliable data. It was decided that Trustee Morrisroe would take this question back to the Board for discussion.

Superintendent's Report

According to the bylaws, the Superintendent must report on any curriculum changes and facility needs at the first LRP meeting. He reported on the following topics:

a. Math and Science Curriculum Materials

Superintendent Handelman explained that one of the line items in the last Maintenance and Operations levy was to purchase curriculum. The district is trying to get on the state adoption cycle. Last year, the K-12 Math adoption was completed and this year the focus is on Science materials. A committee will be formed to review the materials. Riverstone has allowed the District to use some open building space for the many materials. They will narrow them to the top three and then schools will get a chance to review/pilot them. Their recommendation will go to the Ad Hoc Curriculum

Committee. The purchase will be made with the 2016/2017 school year budget. A question was asked about the electronic version of text books. The Ad Hoc Committee will be looking at all options of textbooks/curriculum materials and the costs involved. A member asked if professional development could be offered to parents as provided to the teachers with the new curriculum. Superintendent Handelman explained that there are some parent resources for the Ready Math and we can certainly look into this for the future. It just may cost us more money.

b. All Day Kindergarten

The District currently has four sites with full day kindergarten. They are Winton, Bryan, Borah and Fernan Stem Academy. These schools also happen to have many students who qualify for free/reduced lunches and we happen to have space at these schools to house the full day classes. There is some state level conversation around full day kindergarten and proposed funding. Currently federal Title I monies help with funding the program. There were positive remarks from teachers and parents on the committee around the benefits of full day kindergarten including social aspects and overall readiness for first grade.

c. Facility Needs

Our buildings continue to be really full and as a group we have spoken to buildings principals and their staff about facility needs. According to the CSG report given to the Board last spring, we are in need of two more elementary schools but we are managing with portables this year. Both high schools remain unfinished and were designed to be added on. Lakes Magnet Middle School has gym, and restroom needs. When the LRP Committee met with the Board after the Bond, we knew there were unmet needs that would need to be considered in the future. We were considerate of the community and focused on being as conservative as possible with the Bond amount.

Superintendent Handelman explained how the Board has appointed committees to research things such as the LRP Committee. They currently have an Ad hoc committee that is reviewing novels and the science adoption materials. And, the Attendance Zone Committee (AZC) was just formed this year to review our transportation zones that were set nine years ago. They have been many changes in the district's operations including open enrollment and magnet schools. There will be some overlap between the LRP and AZC.

Construction Services Group (CSG)

Chair Froderberg reported on the highlights of the current Facility Master Plan that was presented by CSG. This committee will begin looking at the specifics of the plan. All members have the complete report as well as the 2014 LRP report. Past members commented on the experience with CSG and how it validated much of our LRP work. A member asked what the numbers would look like if we were a closed district (open enrollment). Superintendent Handelman explained that this is a complex question and depending on the number of students and levels they are in could help us with average daily allowance (state \$) in some areas but may also play into the management of space/teachers in the schools.

Current Data

Brian Wallace, Director of Finance and Operations, and Superintendent Handelman explained the enrollment/capacity comparison handout. The handout showed the fall enrollment of 2014 compared to fall of 2015. Overall, the district has 279 more students than in 2014. The year's enrollment shows a faster growth than projected by the CSG report. The same document was discussed at the first AZC and schools were listed in order of their prospective areas showing the northern schools as those with over capacity (by design) – some schools are over the site capacity, even with the use of portables.

Looking Forward – How do we fund future determined projects?

Superintendent Handelman and Brian Wallace shared the different means of funding. They include:

- Maintenance & Operations Levy - can be run every 2 years
- Emergency Levy – yearly, depends on enrollment growth
- Bond – similar to a home mortgage (\$32M Bond will be paid off in 2024)
- Plant Facility Levy – collected ahead of time and has no interest

Mr. Wallace and Superintendent Handelman have been meeting with a bond Advisor to explore the possibility of leveraging the collection of taxes to keep it flat yet help provide funding for future projects. They are hoping to present to the Board in December or January. We are a very frugal district and the community support is great. We have one of the lowest assessed value rates in Idaho (\$2.10 for 2015). As property comes on with additional assessed value, this would help with the consistency in the tax rate. More information to come around levies and funding options.

Next Meeting: November 30th from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m., Midtown Center (4th and Linden)

Adjourn: 6:00 p.m.