

**Long Range Planning Committee**  
Minutes  
April 10, 2019  
Midtown Center - (4:30 pm – 6:00 pm)

**Members in Attendance:**

Jerry Anderson	Debora Nelson	Mary Wolfinger	<b>School Board Liaison:</b>
Teresa Armstrong	Nancy Nelson	<b>District Staff Liaison:</b>	Lisa May
Jeff Bengtson	Jay Prickett	Steve Cook	<b>Guests:</b>
Sandy Brixen	Lisa Rakes	Bryan Martin	Jennifer Brumley
Steve Casey	Matthew Rakes	Jeff Voeller	Mike Lindquist
Jenn Decker	Heather Somers	Pam Westberg	Nick Lilyquist
Carrie Frank	Donald Walters	Trina Caudle	
Teresa Kaiser	Tracy Weimer-Shull		

**Members not able to attend:** Mike Behary, Jill Blackburn, Ean Estep, Shane Grady, Christena Lindford, Gary Louie, Ronda Nash, Heather Riviere, Jessica Sewell and Kristie Williams.

**Welcome:** Chair, Jerry Anderson welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 4:31 pm.

**Approval of February 25, 2019 Minutes:** Donald Walters made the motion to approve the minutes and Jay Prickett seconded the motion. Members voted (17-0) and unanimously approved the minutes.

**Board Report:** Lisa May

- **High School Late Start:** Steve will present a Board Resolution (a new formal way to investigate topics that may have a difficult process) to the Board of Trustees at the next Board meeting in May regarding High School Late Start. There will be an ad hoc group formed and more information will be out soon. Lisa encouraged Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) members to join the ad hoc group.

**Superintendent Report:** Steve Cook

- **Mental Health:** The levy passed March 12, and the District is moving forward with plans to fund several mental health positions. The District will also add another elementary SRO and four Campus Safety Officer Positions for the two high schools.
- Currently the District has implemented Sources of Strength in the high schools, Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training for all staff and high school students, and Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) training to help staff in their approach towards student behaviors.

**Facilities and Planning:** Jeff Voeller

- **Construction Update:** The Lakes Middle School project has started and should be finished by the start of the next school year.
- The Board of Trustees approved to move Northwest Expedition Academy (NExA) students to the new elementary school at the Prairie site beginning the 2020-21 school year. They also approved grandfathering all current NExA students and are currently working on a plan to possibly provide transportation. The new elementary site capacity is 550 students and there are currently 309 students enrolled at NExA. There is still a need for an additional new elementary school.
- The Board is exploring options for the Hayden property.
- There is a Board Workshop April 15th, to finalize Lakes Highway District and Vista Meadows agreements, so the District can move forward with the new school construction at the Prairie site. Bids should go out the first of June and be ready for construction beginning in July.

### ***Mike Lindquist – Woodland Middle School***

- WMS's building capacity with four portables is 832 students, (without portables 728 students) current enrollment is 858 students and projected enrollment is 870 students.
- Expanding WMS may be difficult, due to the pods and limited space in the hallways.
- WMS is already over-crowded. To accommodate they have a roving teacher, use pod/conference areas for smaller classrooms, use the library for classes and teachers share classrooms. They are staggering entry and release times to help the flow through the hallways. They received donated athletic equipment, but have no space to put it.
- Even with the projected enrollment of 870 students, they have not hired additional staff.
- The two gyms are an asset to WMS, the bathrooms in all the pods accommodate students well and the cafeteria can house many students.
- Hallways are the biggest problem.
- There are four portables that house 104 students and approximately 100 students are in the library for classes. (There is no place to put more portables.)
- WMS only has 896 lockers on site.

### ***Jeff Bengtson – Lakes Middle School***

- LMS's building capacity is 702 students, (no portables on site) current enrollment is 691 students and projected enrollment is 730 students.
- LMS can't handle 760 students even with one classroom that was added during the last remodel.
- 900 and 600 square foot classrooms all have the same number of students in the classroom each day.
- LMS also has roving teachers.
- Charter students that return will change the projected enrollment numbers.
- LMS has added staff for next year.
- With the new Boys and Girls Club gym there is not room on the LMS property to expand.
- All three middle schools have denied transfers except for staff and siblings still attending the school.
- It is projected that the 5<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes are some of the largest enrollment numbers.

### ***Nick Lilyquist – Canfield Middle School***

- CMS's building capacity is 806 students, (no portables on site) current enrollment is 849 students and projected enrollment is 855 students.
- To accommodate over 850 students they would have to have roving teachers, lose the computer lab, hallways would be tight, they would need more lockers and the parking lot traffic flow would be a challenge.
- CMS is not in a high growth zone and has approximately 150 transfer students.
- Parking lots are an issue for all three middle schools. (Most parents are driving their students to school.)
- In the past the District did not want middle schools to be larger schools.

### ***Land and Top School Needs Discussion:***

- LAND:
  - Huetter road property has forty acres. (It is down the road five years for development.)
  - Land swap (Hayden Lake and/or ten acres at Hayden Meadows).
  - Don't sell District property - trade it.
  - Work with Lakeland for boundary shift.
  - Elementary at Hayden Meadows (Pros: available property, Cons: no growth zone).
  - Look for property past Prairie (without airport issues) to purchase.
  - Investigate developers that might be interested in a land swap.

- Need to act now and not wait.
- ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL:
  - Elementary/Middle School K-8 (depending on where and how it is divided up this may not be an option).
  - Currently 500 students are in portables across the District.
- SECURITY
  - No portables.
  - Security updates ongoing. (Systems, cameras, glass, etc.)
  - Two SROs at the elementary level. (The District is currently adding another elementary SRO.)
  - Each middle and high school have an SRO.

***Group Discussion, Questions and Answers:***

- We need to figure out the problems before moving forward with options.
- The 2015 Construction Services Group (CSG) report (posted on the LRPC website) identified that there would be a future middle school need and boundary change.

***Next Meetings:***

- Monday, May 13, 2019 starting at 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm at Midtown Center.

***Adjourned:***

Chair, Jerry Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:01 pm.

Submitted by Pam Westberg