

Long-Range Planning Committee
December 18, 2017
4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
ESC Board Room

“To review the district physical plant, program capacity, enrollment boundaries, transportation routing, and major capital equipment requirements, and determine what improvements to efficiency, sustainability, and infrastructure needs may be required during the next five to ten years.”

Attendees: Diane Doney, Betty Timmer, Ralph Dergance, Brian Bostwick, Dave Culp, Lucie Stanish, Karen Johnson, Brett Collins, Lucie Stanish, Erick Hartzell, Betty Timmer, Chris Jobanputra, Bill Canterbury, Dana Wedlick, Mary Haas, Terry Davis

Absent: Dave Culp, Bob Colwell

Ad hoc attendees: Nicole Moyer, Jessica Gould, Kathleen Ambron

Consultant attendees: Shannon Bingham, Roy Tanner, Mark Crisman

Minutes:

1. Welcome and review agenda.
2. Major Initiatives and Improvements presentation and discussion.
 - a. Celebration regarding the school board adopting the committee’s recommendation for start times.
 - i. Were there any public speakers that attended who were strongly opposed?
 1. A group of teachers (mostly middle school) who were concerned about starting later and how it will impact their ability to coach/lead activities.
 - ii. Prevailing attitude: it’ll be hard, but we’ll make it work.
 - iii. Post-change research?
 1. University of Alaska potentially - Shannon is talking to them and they may be interested.
 - b. Discussion of what a 4-round school might look like.
 - i. Allows to offer full-time specials (music, art, PE, and STEAM)
 - ii. By 4th and 5th grade, you can compartmentalize a bit (one teacher can teach science, another will teach social studies, etc.).
 - iii. 4-round schools (bigger schools population-wise) are much more cost-effective to run.

- iv. Looking at potential consolidations of elementaries; fuller discussion in February.
 - c. Universal full-day kindergarten is the trend.
 - i. 5 LPS buildings currently support full-day kindergarten:
 - 1. East, Field, Centennial, Hopkins, and Moody.
 - ii. Funding full-day kindergarten is an absolute must for Superintendent's Staff.
 - 1. We will try to get funding from the state, but we need to have our schools ready to support this (from a facilities standpoint).
 - iii. Another national trend: universal preschool for 4-year-olds.
 - d. CTE/Innovation.
 - i. Enabling students to be ready for jobs that may not exist yet.
 - e. Discussion on the rest of the presentation focused largely on what was on the slides.
 - f. Committee Need Assessment
 - i. Research/information about CTE and workforce readiness
 - ii. Better idea of realism: are we going to have to close buildings, build new buildings, consolidate buildings, etc.
- 3. Upcoming meetings.
- 4. Adjourn.