

# LONG RANGE FACILITIES USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 15, 2007

## MEETING MINUTES

The LRFUPC meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mike Heinrich, at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Linda Kast, Frank Rose, Rod Merrell (for Tom Sage), Leigh Anderson, Ray Gabelein, Scott Mauk, Sharla Matthews (for Kathleen Landel), Dan Poolman, Steve Scoles, Donna Riley, Dayle Gray, and Mike Heinrich.

Absentees were: Leo Langer, Jan McNeeley, Mike Shelton, Walt Blackford, Donna Evans, and Jill Engstrom.

Corrections to the September 17, 2007, LRFUPC meeting were made. Scott Mauk moved that the minutes be approved. Ray Gabelien seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Dan Poolman announced that the SWSD had hired Dr. Gary Wall to head up the Strategic Planning Committee. This committee should be finished by June of 2007.

Mike Heinrich handed out a plan for the next four meetings. He asked for comments from the LRFUPC members.

- Concern was expressed that there were only 10 members of the LRFUPC present. A number of key people who represented schools and community interests were not at the meeting. Would these people be brought up to speed so that they could participate in the timeline, since the time was getting short? At the very least absentees should send a substitute.
- It is good to have time to consider decisions.
- It is good to be narrowing down the decisions.

Mike then asked the LRFUPC to make recommendations as to possible scenarios to deactivate buildings, wings, or classrooms. Recognizing there would be problems (referred to as elephants) with each recommendation, he asked that these be written down. They appear at the end of the following recommendations.

### **Scenario #1**

Focus on phasing the Primary School into the Intermediate School. This would be driven by attrition. It could be done a year at a time, i.e., 08-09 the Primary School would house K-1, in 09-10 it would house K-1, and in 10-11 it would house K only.

Next, the portables at the Primary School could be phased out over time. The problem with this is most of them are rented.

Do a major renovation on the LMS once the PS is phased out. Look at building efficiencies (greening).

Phasing out would give more flexibility in case of unexpected growth.

### **Scenario #2**

Deactivate the Primary School and move the students somewhere. Do the closure all at once. Move students as follows: K-4 Intermediate School, 5-7 Middle School, and 8-12 High School.

### **Scenario #3**

Deactivate the Primary School and make two K-8 schools, each one a different size, and one 9-12 school.

### **Scenario #4**

Deactivate the LMS all at once. Move WIA out of the portables. Build classrooms in the space vacated by WIA for LMS. LMS would then share facilities with the HS. WIA and BV could then move into wings at the Primary School, and they would be close enough to use HS facilities. The Intermediate School could become a K-5 school.

### **Scenario #5**

Deactivate Bayview, WIA, and the portables. Bring these students into the four main campuses in some way. Phase out the Primary School.

### **Scenario #6**

Place grades 7-8 as a junior high school in a wing of the High School, separated from the High School students. Grades 4-6 would go LMS, and its unused wings would be closed. K-3 would be housed at Intermediate School. Phase out the Primary School.

### **Scenario #7**

Do nothing. This way there is no disruption to students or staff. The costs will continue. Will the public support more levies to raise money to keep the buildings going?

### **Scenario #8**

Phase out "one for one". For every teacher who leaves SWSD, take one classroom out of service.

### **Scenario #9**

Deactivate both Elementary schools. Keep LMS, High School, Bayview, and WIA.

Some problems were brought up as the above scenarios unfolded. They are listed below.

- WIA and Bayview, by their nature as alternative schools, need to be kept separate from the other schools. The parents want these two schools to be separate, and the students need the separation as well.
- There could be a loss in FTE for WIA and Bayview at \$5,000 per FTE while changes in the various scenarios take place. The loss could be quite large.
- Moving into new spaces may be difficult for teachers. They may have trouble buying into the new program. As they process through the change, teachers will need to be supported. A benefit to phasing out based on attrition is easier on the staff.
- Portables at WIA
- Bayview School
- Volume of High School (5 years in the future)

Frank Rose gave a presentation on enrollment projections and square footage per student. The SWSD has a lot of square footage.

High School = 141,698 (120 sq ft/student)  
Langley Middle School = 94,502 (110 sq ft/student)  
Intermediate School = 50,897 (90 sq ft/student)  
Primary School = 43,623 (90 sq ft/student)  
Bayview = 4,000  
WIA = 5,400

Mike Heinrich asked the LRFUPC which of the 9 scenarios they had the most passion for. Scenario 1 got 4 votes, Scenario 2 got 1 vote, Scenario 3 got 2 votes, Scenario 6 got 1 vote, and Scenario 9 got 1 vote. Scenarios 4, 5, 7, and 8 were not chosen.

LRFUPC members were charged with the task of preparing arguments for the choices they liked best. Their presentations will be given at the November meeting. Donna Riley and Dan Poolman agreed to take Scenarios 2 and 6. Frank Rose took Scenario 9. Dayle Gray took Scenario 3. Scenario 1 was taken by Leigh Anderson, Ray Gabelein, Rod Merrell (Tom Sage), Linda Kast, and Steve Scoles.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

