



Long Range Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Monday, February 26, 2024

5:30 - 7 PM

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Committee members in attendance: Jeff Anderson, Josh Baldner, Gordo Byrn, Brooke Daerr, Tricia Defries, Brian Lewandowski, Tina Marquis, Dan Ryan, Vanessa Volin, Yvette Salas, Jim Topping

Staff members in attendance: Susan Cousins, Lora de la Cruz, Robbyn Fernandez, Sierra Espinoza, Rob Price, Glen Segrue, Bill Sutter

Board member in attendance: Kitty Sargent

I. **Welcome**

Chairperson Yvette Salas opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

II. **Public Comment**

No members of the public were present.

III. **Committee Governance**

Salas reminded the group that she and Jeff Anderson would be joining staff to present the committee update and Annual Enrollment Trend Report to the Board on Feb. 27. The next LRAC meeting is Apr. 15.

The Dec. 18, 2023 minutes were approved.

Committee members shared comments with the group.

IV. **Information/Discussion**

Staff gave the group a preview of the LRAC update and Annual Enrollment Report that will be presented to the Board on Feb. 27.

Committee members asked clarifying questions and shared comments, including:

- When will Gold Hill get too small? It has 12 students this year.
- The map depicting schools projected to enter the low enrollment phases shows that this issue can't be solved one school at a time.
- Consideration needs to be given to the feeder tracks of the low enrollment schools.
- It is important to remember that 10,000 students is still a lot of students to serve.



- Community surveys as part of the Heatherwood Community Engagement Process should be broader than just the Heatherwood community.
- Will BVSD accomplish what is needed at the end of 5 years if efforts just move students around—there will still be a resource drain.

Robbyn Fernandez informed the group that the projections are based on what enrollment was for the October count. BVSD received approximately 1,200 out of district applications during the open enrollment window. 400 of these have accepted offers.

Rob Price provided the group with an overview of the policy revisions the Board has discussed and is expected to adopt on Feb. 27.

The comment was made that some Open Enrollment preferences still exist and there needs to be clear communication to parents about them.

Lora De La Cruz explained what the community engagement process for the Heatherwood community will look like. Committee members discussed the presentation. The suggestion was made that parents on existing Heatherwood committees should also be involved in this process.

Price asked for two volunteers to participate in the Heatherwood Community Engagement Process.

Fernandez gave a presentation about how declining enrollment impacts the student experience at the middle school level. Because schools are funded on a per pupil basis, when enrollment drops funding also declines, reducing staff FTE and our ability to provide a greater variety of classes for both core curriculum and electives.

Salas adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.