



Long Range Advisory Committee

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Monday, April 15, 2024

5:30 - 7 PM

This meeting will be held in-person at the BVSD Education Center with no virtual option.

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The Long Range Advisory Committee (LRAC) shall develop recommendations to ensure sound long-term facility decisions consistent with the needs of the school district and in support of the school district's strategic initiatives.

The LRAC is intended to provide a high level of accountability, engagement, and communication with the Boulder Valley community to ensure stakeholders are engaged and their values and priorities are reflected in the Board's decisions.

I. Welcome

Chairperson Yvette Salas opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Committee Governance

Salas informed the group that the next update to the board will be May 28. The update will be combined with an update on the Heatherwood Community Engagement Process.

The [Feb. 26 minutes](#) were approved.

Committee members shared comments with the group about what they are hearing in their communities in response to the Enrollment Trend Report and declining enrollment overall. Some schools are starting to explore ways to increase enrollment. Members of the Boulder City Council are taking note of the discussion and are aware of the types of housing that yield the most children.

IV. Information/Discussion

Assistant Superintendent Robbyn Fernandez gave an update on the first Heatherwood community meeting. She reminded the group that they are welcome to attend the meetings. Minutes will be distributed following the meetings.

Fernandez reviewed the presentation that was given to the Heatherwood group.



During the first meeting the Heatherwood Educational Advisory Team reviewed the LRAC process and metrics, discussed the capture rate at Heatherwood, and considered how to use data to inform decision making. The Board will receive an update on May 28 with a final proposal being presented in October.

Committee members were curious if BVSD conducts exit surveys and if Heatherwood still has an open classroom structure. Exit surveys are being developed. Heatherwood still has the open floor plan structure. Staff recently shared data about Facility Condition Index (FCI) scores of all elementary schools with the Board. Heatherwood has the highest FCI score amongst BVSD elementary schools, which indicates the building is in need of significant repair.

The comment was made to streamline the engagement process because it will be cumbersome to manage with multiple schools.

Rob Price informed the group that staff will be assembling a group of middle level principals to further explore the impacts of declining enrollment on the student experience at the middle level. Staff will share the findings with LRAC once the group has completed its work.

Glen Segrue provided a high level overview of recently revised policy JC which calls for a review of attendance boundaries every 5 years. The plan is to conduct the initial boundary review in early 2025, following Board redistricting in 2024. The most recent boundary change was made for Meadowlark. Staff will consider a number of enrollment related data points to determine what recommendations to bring to the Board.

Salas initiated a discussion of committee membership. Current members will be polled to determine their interest in continuing to serve on the committee. New members will also be solicited to better align with the stakeholder representation described in Board policy. This work will occur prior to the September meeting. Staff will explore how to onboard new members so that they understand the work that has been done to date.

V. Agenda Setting

Committee members made suggestions for future agenda topics, such as reviewing elementary FCI scores. Committee members also brainstormed ideas for boosting enrollment, including giving preference to inbound Boulder commuters, and having discussions with CU which has an employment base of 9000. It was noted that CU has acquired the Regal theater in Louisville for use as a transit oriented development to house faculty and students. Further exploration of this development could be warranted.

Price shared some thoughts from co-chair Jeff Anderson who was not able to attend the meeting. Anderson believes it is most important to be thinking about the broad district wide issues at the elementary level. In the longer term, given the current demographic projections, there will be a growing number of schools with smaller enrollments. While dealing with the individual schools like Heatherwood is a good start, it may not be sufficient down the road. Creativity will be required when thinking about the district level problem.

Salas adjourned the meeting.