

Building Capacity and Usage Committee Meeting – May 11, 2016

Meeting Summary

- Dr. Veitenheimer, Superintendent, welcomed those in attendance. Michael Gregoire, Chairman, participated telephonically.
- The sub-committee members provided an overview of their findings from the Situational Analysis that administrators completed. Administrators were asked to provide feedback on internal strengths and opportunities and external challenges. The sub-committee report focused on the high and low capacity schools.
 - Low capacity campuses highlighted: Desert Mountain; Greenbrier; Mirage; New River; Village Meadows; Deer Valley Middle; Hillcrest Middle; Barry Goldwater HS; Deer Valley HS
 - High capacity campuses highlighted: Diamond Canyon; Highland Lakes, Legend Springs; Norterra Canyon; Stetson Hills; Sunrise; West Wing; Mountain Ridge HS

Key Factors that Attract Students to DVUSD

- Computer / technology
- Marketing
- Special Programs
- Reputation
- Community / Business Partnerships

Opportunities and Ideas to Attract Students to DVUSD

- Improve computer/technology capabilities
- Community partnerships (families, business, etc.)
- Improve promotion of school features and benefits
- Convert some K-6 to K-8 schools
- District financial support for special programs

Discussion Items

- Early Childhood and Community Education are in urgent need of additional space
- Campus conversions and boundary changes
- Marketing strategies (this was also identified as an opportunity by Southwest Alliance for Excellence)
- Right-sized campuses
- Next modernization project from Bond
- Modulares / Portables

Next Steps to Consider

- Converting Arrowhead and Greenbrier to K-8 campuses to address under-enrollment and space needs at Highland Lakes
- Pricing portables/modulars for areas in DVUSD that have no space and/or to provide early childhood space; create strict standards (i.e.: keeping preschool students as close to home as possible) and non-negotiables for relocating early childhood programs; determine need for classroom space by region
- Opening right-sized campus wings/buildings, requiring a stated purpose and approval process; determine what the savings were for right-sizing; decision needs to be made quickly to facilitate planning for next year
- Initiate more marketing - suggestion to utilize higher education interns to work with identified campuses, promoting tax credits, etc.
- Next modernization project: Desert Sky Middle School

Next Meeting

TBD

4:30-6:00 pm

West Governing Board Room