

**Minutes for Local Planning Committee Meeting # 3**  
**Monday, Dec. 2, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Ambrose Building and via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Sarah Chumley, Carlos Cooper III, Lauren De Anda, Amanda Ferguson, Kiyon Jenkins, Michael Jones, Jennifer Kendall, Dale Morgan, Anthony Orr, Dakota Penrod, Jonathan Ratliff, Boyd Sewe, Alan Stein, Benjamin VanderHorst

**Other Staff and Guests Present:** Melinda Joseph Dezarn, Daryn Morris, Sherry Price, Nick Runyon, Robbie Sayre, Dr. Whitney Stevenson, and Myron Thompson

Ms. Jenkins, vice chair, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Ms. Price called roll and there were 14 members present. There were two members from the public in person and two via zoom.

**Dr. Whitney Stevenson, Director of Early Start,** spoke about Preschool enrollment numbers. The preschool enrollment numbers in December 2023, were 1,058 students. Enrollment as of today is 1,175. That enrollment includes special needs and at-risk children. Since pre-Covid enrollment of 1,200, the enrollment numbers are increasing slowly.

The preschool classrooms that would be added (which are listed on the DFP) at the new Northside Preschool Center (like those at the current Preschool Center) will serve children with and without disabilities (families who qualify based on income). The children at the new location will attend based on districted determined attendance zones. (This is the same for the current Preschool Center.) The current process at the Preschool Center (which would remain the same at the new location) is that children who qualify based on a diagnosed disability are provided placement around the district based on home/childcare address. (This is the same placement process for children who qualify based on family income.) Some children who do go through the evaluation process could possibly attend at the Preschool Center if their home/childcare address was within that designated attendance zones.

Harrison Preschool addition has 3 classes that will be filled with 45 students. Each class will have 3 adults.

FCPS Transportation provides bus rides with a driver and a monitor on each bus. At that age, bus vests are required.

*How many preschoolers ride a bus?* 727 preschool students are transported by a FCPS school bus. The percentage of preschooler students riding FCPS buses is 61.9%

**Robbie Sayre, Director of Athletic,** addressed the committee about the need for auxiliary gyms and field houses. Dunbar and Henry Clay High Schools are already on the DFP for auxiliary gyms. Fayette County Public School has 5,400 athletes district wide and 831 coaches. Tates Creek and Frederick Douglass High are the only 2 high schools in FCPS that have auxiliary gyms.

Lafayette is on the DFP for resurface and an auxiliary gym.

**Nick Runyon, Middle School Athletic Director,** shared that only one of our middle schools has lights and few have a scoreboard. Mr. Runyon said that most of our middle school fields are not 100 yards.

**Requests for additions to DFP:**

Resurface all Middle Schools

Add FDH indoor hitting facility like Tates Creek High.

Aquatic Center that could be used for student therapy, lifeguard training and swimming lessons for students, staff and possibly the community.

*Revenue components?* Yes, it would turn a profit.

All these items would fall in the discretionary 5 area of the DFP.

*How many swimming athletics do we have in FCPS?* Approximately 300.

*Do we have a cost of an aquatic center?* Approximately \$41 million.

**Daryn Morris, Director of Transportation**, reported on the transportation department and their needs. The transportation department has 700 employees with drivers, monitors, mechanics, and administration employees.

Fayette County has 303 buses, and each bus is inspected every month. Those buses transport 26,000 students a day. Each time a school is added, an additional 15 buses and 30 staff are needed.

Mr. Morris displayed maps of the Miles Point Bus Garage and Liberty Bus Garage area which includes fuel tanks, external storage, and a bus wash. At the Miles Point location there is no area to expand. The Liberty Road bus garage area with Eastside included, adds much needed office space, training areas, and break room. There would be space also for Employee Wellness area. Transportation department conducts trainings often for 20-24 new staff and the Eastside location could accommodate those trainings. A dispatch tower, not necessarily in the air, would allow tracking buses as they go throughout their daily routes.

*Would cameras be less expensive than a tower?* Possibly so.

The remodel at Eastside is listed as category 4.5 item on the DFP and the work on the current Liberty Road bus garage is listed as 4.1.

**Melinda Joseph Dezarn, Director of Facility Design and Construction** presented Kentucky Department of Education's Local Planning Committee Orientation 2 information.

The current DFP, all category 1 items are in the upcoming biennium 2022-2024.

Priority 2 category are items scheduled for the next biennium after 2022-2024.

Priority 3 – currently nothing listed.

Priority 4 – Management support areas currently list transportation requests

Priority 5 – Discretionary items include building additions that are not justified or exceed allowable area by comparison to Model Program requirements, extracurricular facilities (Athletics), building too new or too recently renovated to qualify for major renovation (30 years), minor projects.

*Why is SCAPA in category 1 and 5?* The items listed in the category 5 are above and beyond the model program requirements.

Mr. Stein made the motion to adjourn, and Ms. Ferguson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.