

Long Range Facilities Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2011

Attendees:

Dr. Nick Boren – <i>Absent</i>	Dr. Wanda Brown
Dr. Oscar Carter – <i>Absent</i>	Donald Ludwig
Charles Oestreich	Linda Quinley
Steve Sapp – <i>Absent</i>	Christy Serrage
Jonathan Sessions	Dr. Peter Stiepleman
Tim Teddy – <i>Absent</i>	Bruce Whitesides – <i>Absent</i>
James Whitt – <i>Left Early</i>	

Guests:

Dr. Sally Lyon

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 pm.

Minutes from the January 25, 2011 meeting were approved.
Motion to approve – Linda Quinley

1. Elementary Program Review and Trailer Usage – Charles Oestreich/Dr. Peter Stiepleman

Dr. Stiepleman spoke briefly regarding programs that are being utilized at the elementary level that impact the use of trailers at specific locations.

Lee Elementary – Lee is using trailers for regular classroom space. Next year there is the possibility of only having 2 sections of kindergarten instead of 3 which could free up some space.

Blue Ridge Elementary – Trailers are currently used for special education and ELL programs. These programs are also using classroom space inside the building. It could be possible to combine some of the classrooms and allow for some trailers to be removed.

Derby Ridge Elementary – Derby lost students to Alpha Hart Lewis but is picking up additional district programs.

Paxton Keeley Elementary currently houses one Autism classroom and the program is looking for another site to open additional classrooms. The Dream Class at Cedar Ridge Elementary is looking to move to Derby Ridge or Blue Ridge. Pre-Kindergarten classes at Alpha Hart Lewis will be moving to Parkade Elementary or Derby Elementary.

Dr. Stiepleman would like the committee to make sure it considers all district programs (Special Education, Pre-K, Occupational Therapy, and ELL) when making decisions on space. The committee will need to decide what is essential and what is not. More consideration needs to be given to cafeteria and gym space as well as restrooms.

The district has set a goal of removing 25-30 trailers in the next 4 years. Moving trailers around through the district when adding space could prove to be problematic due to new city ordinance dealing with storm water management.

The committee expressed an interest in trying to standardize the size of future elementary schools to meet the needs of CPS. DLR Group shared information through email with Dr. Stiepleman that suggested smaller schools have higher achievement. However, CPS needs to decide what demographic they are serving when building a new elementary – certain areas can handle larger schools based on economic and family status.

2. Next Steps: Long Range Plan 5-10 Yr – Charles Oestreich

Mr. Oestreich handed out a matrix of what it would take to replace trailers with brick and mortar. He used data about existing elementary schools to show which locations could possibly handle additions. Rock Bridge Elementary is the school with the most potential because of land and it is outside the city limits. Shepard Boulevard could also be a possible site but trailers would have to be moved and students displaced during the construction. West Boulevard is the third school that would qualify but it would be the most difficult because of neighboring parks and having to meet the storm water issues.

Using the RSP data provided at the last meeting, Mr. Oestreich determined that to handle growth and displace trailers by 2015, the district would need to add an additional 172,448 square feet. By 2020, there would be a need for an additional 298,050 square feet for a total of 470,498 square feet from 2011 to 2020.

The RSP data is recalculated and updated each year. So the numbers can change as the data changes.

By the year 2025, the students moving through elementary and intermediate school will move to high school. This would cause a need for an additional high school.

To be able to get the most square footage for the money, it could be better to build new instead of adding on to existing buildings. Existing buildings would have to be brought up to present day codes which could increase costs. In addition, parking at most elementary schools could not handle the increase square footage.

This committee needs to know what needed space wise for programs is and then decide on a direction. Once the direction and plan has been decided, the committee will need to make a recommendation to the finance committee so they can determine funding.

Dr. Stiepleman was tasked to determine what type or types of school models are needed for the different demographic characteristics and expectations.

3. Elementary Site Evaluation – Charles Oestreich

Mr. Oestreich provided the committee with the list of properties that were being considered as sites for the next new elementary.

The Elementary Ad Hoc Committee has narrowed its selection to three properties. The three properties were selected based on the RSP data. The Ad Hoc committee will tour the properties on March 9 and then make a decision as to whether a civil engineering firm should perform site evaluations. The Ad Hoc committee would like to take their recommendation to the Board in May.

It was suggested that the Ad Hoc committee keep the other properties in mind for future school sites.

4. District Construction Update – Charles Oestreich

- **Battle High School Construction Progress**
Work has been hampered due to weather. Some crews are back working. Panels have been added. Masons should be back to work soon. This project is moving along on schedule.
- **Hickman High School Roof**
Currently on hold due to weather
- **Administration Building Addition**
Dr. Boren met with the different departments regarding design development. Plan to move ahead with bid documents in May. Ground breaking scheduled for possibly June/July.
- **Gym Design**
Should have design development drawings on February 24 or 25. There is currently no news on the FEMA Grant. If not awarded the grant concessions will need to be made to stay on schedule and budget.
- **HVAC Projects**
Final stages of design prep and design documents.
 - Two Mile Prairie
 - West Jr
 - Jeff Jr
 - Ridgeway
 - Rock Bridge Elementary
 - Cedar Ridge
 - Field

- Grant
- Midway Heights
- New Haven
- Lee

5. Develop Agenda for Next Meeting – Committee Action

1. Elementary Program Review
2. Building Addition vs New Construction
3. Construction Update
4. Determine new date for April Meeting

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm by Jonathan Sessions
Second by Dr. Wanda Brown

7. Next Meeting – March 22, 2011

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

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