

Columbia Public Schools
Long Range Facilities Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2017

5:00 p.m.

1818 West Worley St., Training Room

Mr. James Whitt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Jim Whitt, LRFC Chair; Dr. Peter Stiepleman, Superintendent; Anna Munson, CFO; Dr. Kevin Brown, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary; Charles Oestreich, Director of Facilities and Construction Services; Heather McArthur, Administration Project Manager; Jim Cherrington, Director of Business Services; Christine King and Jonathan Sessions, Board Members; Craig Adams, Coordinator of STEAM Bus; Chris Davis, Peckham and Wright Architects

The minutes from the September 14, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Agenda was approved as presented.

The committee was presented with a handout summarizing the World Café results. Dr. Stiepleman shared with the committee that the results of the World Café and the work of the Long Range Committee mirrored each other. Some of the major items of concern were ADA accessibility, safe and secure buildings, STEAM School, athletic equity, using community resources to build partnerships.

Athletic equity of the middle schools was discussed. Mr. Chris Davis shared that the improvements made at West Middle School will be the benchmark for the remaining middle schools. An estimated cost of \$2 million is allocated to middle school athletics. Nothing will be added for competition or spectator viewing.

Mr. Whitt expressed that he wanted to make sure that all the important ideas that came out of the World Café were represented. Dr. Stiepleman shared that he believes everything was captured and that we will be honoring what we promised to the community.

The committee was given a handout on the results of the building capacity study. The numbers haven't changed much but just to keep current on capacity numbers and make sure they are a true representation of how the building is used currently.

Enrollment for kindergarten shows the largest growth along with Lee and Rock Bridge Elementary showing enrollment growth and Beulah Ralph Elementary is almost at capacity. By 2019-2020, the middle schools are projected to have 2 over capacity, 2 at capacity, and 3 at 85-90% of capacity and will only continue to grow.

Ms. King asked the capacity study could be updated to include Douglass High School enrollment and capacity.

Dr. Stiepleman reminded the committee that the southwest of Columbia is growing but the east has a projected growth of 30%. This will be important for those tasked with updating enrollment.

Handouts were presented to the committee regarding feedback from the trip to visit Jackson Middle School. Craig Adams shared his experience with the committee regarding the visit and how Columbia Public Schools could benefit from a STEAM Schools.

Mr. Sessions asked the committee to make a recommendation to charge the Administration with putting together a plan for a STEM program to be implemented at Jefferson Middle School. The recommendation would be presented at the December Board of Education meeting.

Ms. Munson presented an update on the Bond Improvement and Finance Plan for the next 10 years. Ms. Munson discussed bond authorization, issuances and projects and how it helps drive priorities that were a result of the World Café. This is just a plan and it can be changed and updated as needed.

Ms. Munson updated the committee on the Debt Capacity for the next 5 years. January 23, 2018 is the deadline to put a bond on the next ballot. Bond language will need to be developed in December for the Board of Education to discuss. The Board will need to vote on the bond language at their January meeting.

Mr. Oestreich, Dr. Stiepleman, Ms. Munson, and Mr. Chris Davis from Peckham and Wright Architects, will meet prior to the January 11, 2018 meeting to draft a list of projects by priority for the Long Range Committee to consider.

The committee is scheduled to meet January 11, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at 1818 West Worley St.

The committee adjourned at 6:22 p.m.