



West Linn – Wilsonville Schools

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2013

7:00 pm, District Administration Building-Board Room

1. Check-In
2. Roll Call

Attendance: Karina Ruiz [DOWA], Norm Dull [DOWA], Keith Liden, David Lake, Regan Molatore, Jeri Bohard, Tom Miller, Kent Wyatt, Gretchen Katko, Remo Douglas, Tim Woodley.

3. Bond Summit Planning

Discussion of past summits: Jeri recalled a very full board room full of diverse, invested, stakeholders. David recalled an initial presentation from Roger and then David discussed process, then Tim presented the 2008 CIP booklet via slideshow. Then moved to commons and broke into groups for prioritization exercises, did lunch, then came together to present conclusions.

Discussed a presentation by John Weekes of imagining what a school can be, after the bond passed.

Tim recalled the sunset replacement discussions in 2007 and then 2009, then the land swap.

Two surveys occurred. First: Would you support a bond? would you support local option?

Then after the bond summit: More particular information around scope??

The idea that mixed small groups at a summit provide balanced discussions and helps prioritization.

Bond committee sign up opportunities existed at the bond summit.

City officials or staff were present at the bond summit.

Tim discussed information left by Roger of the 2008 bond, in particular information around the activities leading up to the vote.



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Mike Tannenbaum, Jane Stickney and Roger Woehl played significant roles in terms of presentations that lead to questions for participants at the summit to discuss. Aids for setting a mindset for discussions on prioritization.

Tom recalled that more students were involved in the 2008 summit.

Regan recalled a board discussion on the power of images.

Karina recalled a video of students giving tours of the new primary schools, and explaining what the school meant to them.

Tom and David suggested a slideshow. The before and after results of 2008 Bond.

Stories of the Wilsonville-District land swap for Lowrie. The story of building 2 schools using the same building design (efficiency).

The date that had been discussed was February 22. The week before seemed less desirable as a holiday weekend.

Did the question of concurrent bond and local option come up at the bond summit in 2008? The group agreed that it was not discussed at the summit.

The polling information was used to craft a memo from the supt that provided the staff recommendation to go for both bond and local option.

The group agreed that the same end goal for the summit was the prioritized list from the main projects. Karina noted that there were 18 project boards (subjects/projects) at the summit. The group recalled that rough initial estimates for each project were provided as well as a "ballpark" bonding capacity.

Tom talked about the evolution of bonds, and the progression from deferred maintenance to stewardship/protection of investments. The suggestion of this history is the success of small bonds at regular intervals.

Jeri talked about the academic prowess of the district being the final end result of these processes, Tim noted that the office of the superintendent and the school board would probably lead that part of the discussion.



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David noted that he had Mary Furrows documents from the last bond committee, which may prove of use.

Next steps: Firm up projects for boards, publish capital improvement program, nominate people for summit attendance. Tim noted that principals can provide names of strong school community members. Special interest groups would be invited.

Location of the summit was discussed: One of the new primary schools was discussed, though parking and location were a little harder. WLHS was discussed as desirable location, spacious. Jeri noted that it will be important to check with school event calendars in any case. David suggested one of the high schools for the space requirements. Tim noted the impressiveness of the new primary schools.

Does holding a summit at a newer building give an impression that there isn't need?

Tom talked about features of the new primary schools that may give feeling of excess.

Looking forward to the study session... this is all good news.

Date for the next meeting: January 28.

4. December 16 Board Study Session

Next LRPC Meeting: January 28, 2014