

West Linn – Wilsonville School District
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
Administration Building
22210 SW Stafford Rd – Tualatin, OR 97062



Project: LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date: March 5, 2014 – 6:00 PM

Recorded by: Remo Douglas

Meeting Minutes

<i>Attendees:</i>	Jerri Bohard	Kent Wyatt
	Doris Wehler	Gretchen Katko
	Tim Woodley	Superintendent Bill Rhoades
	Keith Liden	WLWV School Board Member:
	Mike Jones	Regan Molatore
	Norm Dull	
	David Lake	

New Business

Mtg – Item *Discussion/Action Item*

1. Check-In: Tim Woodley called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. Roll Call – Tom Miller absent.

3. Bond Summit Discussion

Tim discussed the attachments to the agenda, including a memo noting the accurate 'sticky dot' counts from the bond summit and typed copies of the notes from each table group.

Bill commented on the success of the bond summit, and that people seemed to grasp the purpose of the summit and the reality that the numbers were true estimates. People seemed to discover and appreciate that there were needs across a whole district, not just at their school. The understanding of the need for balance across the district seemed to be fully appreciated across diverse groups

David noted that the “\$3 commitment” and “bond vs local option” concepts appeared to be hazy for many people at the summit. These would be areas to focus on, to make sure that the public understands why there is a funding limit, and how the different types of funds can be used. Bill noted that as the budget process moves forward, the funding sources will be focused on with Key Communicators to get those messages out.

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Gretchen noted that her group felt the WHS auditorium was an extravagance. David noted that there was a lot of confusion about the identity of art tech, what it is for, and where it would be.

The group noted that there was quite a bit more advocacy than at prior summits, including small presentations that had apparently been planned.

The group agreed that the summit moved smoothly, though in the future the 'dots' may be restricted to fewer or limit 1 per project.

It was noted that it seemed that there were few people who didn't have kids in schools, *yet*. That may be a useful perspective to try to reach. For future summits.

Jeri noted that there seemed to be consensus that all the projects were good. Not really any opposition to projects. Tim noted that the purpose of the bond summit was to talk about the projects themselves, rather than the cost. Generally the projects met with a positive response, which was useful to learn.

The group talked about 'vocational' type classes (shop classes). This concept has transitioned to 'STEM', under the umbrella of 'CTE' career technical education. We are now talking about maker spaces (garages) and engineering and design. This message could be strengthened, the need is real in the community and the state. Doris noted that there should be something as a brochure and something on the website about 'hands on learning'.

4.

Board Meeting Review:

Tim relayed some key direction from the board meeting earlier this week.

- 1 Relay information from summit to LRPC at meeting (today)
- 2 Cause polling to determine public sentiment on a potential bond (the Board signaled that this should be initiated by staff).
- 3 Confirm project scope and estimates.
- 4 Confirm bonding capacity.

There is a board study session March 17. The poll will occur after this meeting in order to allow the board to discuss what questions will be asked.

Jeri commented on the effectiveness of polling due to the younger population tending to not have land lines. This may skew poll results. The group talked about the various means by which voters may be reached for a poll, and consensus seemed to be that polls were still accurate, given polling results using alternative methods in recent years.

5.

Project Estimating - Prepare for Board Prioritization

Tim initiated a conversation about estimated costs, and the bond. There are options on many of the prospective projects that can help bring the needed projects within the District's means.

Norm agreed that there are options available to adjust scope and provide phasing plans that could provide options to the board for a potential bond.

David noted that in the 2008 bond money was set aside to study Sunset and Advance Road, in order to queue them up. A similar process could occur for projects that don't make the cut in the prospective bond. Tim agreed that these processes were useful, and also included lessons learned in the building of two primary schools. Those lessons can be applied to Sunset. The planning process at Advance allowed for that property to come into the UGB. David continued that the message would change from 'no' to 'not yet' for projects that aren't selected. This would be a better message, and accurate to the district's intent.

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