

Growth and Capital Needs Committee
January 26, 2016
Meeting Notes

I. Dinner

Karin Reynolds, Deputy Superintendent, welcomed all and asked that members pair up with another and review their own notes on the presentations from the last meeting.

II. Processing Presentations from 1/5/16:

Biggest learnings/biggest needs - Members paired up and reviewed their notes from the presentations already heard. They wrote biggest learnings and biggest needs, and they shared big ideas about what resonated with the large group as follows:

- **Instructional Technology**
 - General infrastructure, wiring, huge needs, bandwidth, fiber to School in the Woods (SitW) and Edith Wolford Elementary.
 - What do they want? What part paid by budget and what part by capital funds
 - Something to replace Oracle, and asked if this a re compete. Tom said it would be.

- **Facilities**
 - When we consider that we'll be two fiscal years out without knowing what they have listed as level one requirements, we may not know what's already taken care of. There are needs that the bond would have to cover.
 - Facilities building itself and security of the lot is just a chain link fence with padlock.
 - Aging of D20 stadium.
 - Artificial turf sounds intriguing.

- **Transportation**
 - Extra exit, access point.
 - Undeveloped area of current facility, need to expand to hold more buses as D20 grows.
 - Having a facility with space for all to use the restrooms.
 - Could they bring in a second shift to get away without expanding building?
 - Bus replacement/replenishment not appropriate for bond issue. Tom agreed that this would not be covered in bond dollars.

- **Learning Services**
 - Some place to put programs would be beneficial.
 - Good to see domino effect of freeing up other space at other buildings that would be housed in a new space.
 - Where education is going, LS seems very on top of it, very impressive. One member wants to give them all the money.

Karin said we will continue to do this debrief at the start of future meetings following presentations from the meeting prior to remind ourselves of requests and needs.

The following departments and programs provided presentations at this meeting, and their presentations are attached to the website/minutes as well as briefly summarized with questions asked.

III. **Security Presentation**

Brian Grady, Director for Transportation and Security, reviewed the department needs. Vicki Taylor said it sounds like we need an annual tech replacement plan. Brian agrees that we should have capital reserve to replace this equipment; it was all put in at the same time and will all fail at the same time. He said this is in discussion.

- Are you able to use used parts for repair? Yes, we have an IT professional that does much of the repair work.
- Radio replacement? The FCC will dictate when that happens, they have to give you a five year notice.
- Intruder alarms? Yes, we have motion detectors, fire alarms, and card readers, these have a longer life.
- New school security costs not included in building cost? Yes, it could be included, just a reminder that is all gets wrapped in. New buildings would be built to current education standards, current ADA code, etc.

IV. **The Classical Academy Presentation**

David Tubb, Director for Operations, and Mark VanGambleare, CFO, presented TCA needs.

- What % of D20 students are TCA? 15%
- What services are you purchasing from D20? Three security personnel, a majority is IT services.
- Ralph would like a tutorial in the operational funding. Where does TCA fit into D20 funding plan, especially on bond issue? Resolved by statute, charters are required to be considered in any bond, have to be included in discussion, whether to fund is up to the district.
- Beyond PPR, does TCA share mil levy finding? Yes, based on a percentage of enrollment.
- Debt of 55 million is secured with assets
- 1100 are out of district students
- Russ Sojourner, TCA CEO, was introduced.

V. **EPP/NOP Presentation**

Dr. Jim Smith, Executive Director for Learning Services, introduced Frank Kmilek, math teacher. Frank presented on the needs of the New Opportunity Programs. A student, Olivia Morton, presented her story at the expulsion program and the Partnership Academy.

- Does it have to be a stand-alone building? No, could be kids with a variety of needs including some under court supervision. The program does not take out-of-district kids.
- How do people find out about these programs? How many are expelled? About half are expelled.
- Do we market the difference between this program and Aspen Valley? Currently smaller student teacher ratio and individualized instruction in the EPP/NOP programs. Aspen Valley is a school, and the EPP/NOP program is not – students who attend the NOP program are students in other schools as well.
- From Olivia’s example, seems they are hitting it out of the park with this program. On the financial side, do you have numbers? Not yet.

VI. Home School Academy presentation

Jolynn Patterson, Home School Administrator, gave an overview and needs of the Home School Academy (HSA) and the Tracks program held at SitW.

- Is Tracks held in the portable? Yes, the old Teachout Center. SitW has one classroom in the portable and HSA has one.
- How many students per day? About 100, they come one day a week.
- Funded by PPR like other district students; for the one day a week attendance D-20 gets 50% of the state funding.
- What would be your increase in enrollment if you have the space? Historically for last eight years the HSA has grown by 10%. Tom explained the program grew as we added days to the program; now that the program is at all five days, no more days are available to add.
- K-8 students, are you comfortable with the grades of students in other programs being together? They’ve talked about it and are comfortable with sharing with other programs such as EPP/NOP. Karin said students in an expulsion program would always be separated from other students.
- Over 50% are out of district students. The HSA supports home school families across the Pikes Peak area.
- Gary Coulter said the original STEM became STEAM (to include Arts). As you look at Academy of Arts, look for ways to integrate the Arts and do cross pollination. Jolynn said they have that conversation often.

VII. School in the Woods presentation

Jon Wuerth, Coordinator and one of the co-founders of School in the Woods, presented on the program and the safety, security, and sustainability needs. Currently have 78 students.

- Vicki Taylor asked what kind of square feet they are taking about. Jon said that they need more than they currently have, enough to accommodate the classrooms and a multipurpose room.
- Could we look at current education specs to see what square footage and green construction costs? We’ll also need to see a bottom line.

- Do we have permission from the county for expansion? Tom said there is a plan for water coming in. Vicki said it's a good thing to know. Water and septic costs are higher. Tom said much of this exists in the 2006 work.
- How many can you handle without negative impact on the land? If we grow the program you will begin to impact. Don't want too many students; it can create too much of an impact.

VIII. Closing the Loop: Parking Lot questions

- There was an extra optional meeting on school finance last week, eight GCNC members attended. Tom would like to talk about the capital finance also and will try to fit that in to the GCNC meetings.
- Parking lot questions – a handout with responses was provided.
- Tom shared the updated enrollment projections document. The chart with a three year look at in and out-of-district enrollment and one table speaks to the typical school enrollment based on Oct. 1 count information.
- The other chart is the Pikes Peak area choice information as well as programs in D-20; 18,557 students in El Paso County choose to go to school outside their districts.

IX. Next meeting: February 9th, 5:30 – 8:00 at RHS Tech Wing

GCNC documents are available at <http://www.asd20.org/committees/gcnc/Pages/default.aspx>

Attendance:

Kathy Armacost, Ralph Braden, Megan Chura, Gary Coulter, Kelly Goyden, Cindy Hardin, Vernita Hare, Francine Henderson, Ryan Henkel, Kim Hollm, Tammie Mohr, Dan Olson, Matt Pacione, McKenzie Palmer, Vish Paradkar, Henry Reitwiesner, Patrick Schumaker, Tony Scott, Anthony Sibley, Robin Stanforth, Jason Stejskal, Vicki Taylor, Will Temby, David Tubb, Mark VanGampleare, Jackie Walls, Stephen Zamborelli

Absent: Jackie Priessman, Ruth Schoen

Ad Hoc Members Present: Nanette Anderson, Dr. Susan Field, Brian Grady, Tom Gregory, Anne Krajcovic, Dr. David Peak, Karin Reynolds, Greg Stephens, Linda Warhoe

Absent: Mark Bissell, Shelley Kooser