

Growth and Capital Needs Committee
October 27, 2015
Meeting Notes

Introductions were made. Karin Reynolds, Deputy Superintendent, congratulated and thanked the 29 members explaining they competed with 75 applicants to serve on this committee.

Review of Collaborative Input Model

Karin reviewed the model used for District 20 task forces and committees; this is a superintendent charged committee.

Revisions: Section 3 on page 1. Change last bullet from “to the stakeholders” to “to the superintendent”

Karin reminded the committee of the charge in the Collaborative Input Model (CIM) as she shared the purpose of the committee: “A capital planning committee should be assembled immediately to review needs, understand financial allowances and limitations, determine capital project needs, and propose construction timelines.”

Karin explained members were selected to best meet the needs of the committee. After review with the committee, there were no changes to membership or ad hoc membership.

Meeting dates, “regularly scheduled meetings” for this committee are also noted in the CIM.

Please note there is a Saturday date set aside to tour facilities.

No changes to the CIM suggested. Final version will be provided and the draft copy may be discarded.

GCNC Norms

1. All voices heard
2. Consensus
3. Respectful of competing needs
4. Focus on topic at hand/charge
5. Complete homework assignments
6. No sidebar conversations
7. Start and end on time
8. Silence cell phones
9. Confidentiality about deliberations
10. No question is stupid
11. No predispositions to outcomes

Committee will revisit these norms at the start of each meetings. Committee agreed to share email and phone numbers inside the committee.

Review of Notebook

Karin reviewed the contents of the committee notebooks.

Review of logistics

Tom Gregory, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the two included reports found in Section 5 includes previous committee reports. He explained the notebook is for members to use as they will, and they should feel free to change order to suit individual needs. He also explained that we saved supply funds by using recycled notebooks.

Section 6 will be distributed later. Includes aggregated statistics for each facility in the district. Section 7 includes statutes and assessed values, mill levy history.

Bond 101

Tom Gregory shared a handout and spoke about what the bond discussion is and why it's happening.

The Board of Education will ultimately decide on whether there will be an item on the ballot. He explained how the assessed value (taxable value) is determined; he explained Gallagher and TABOR.

- A member asked if we have property that is not taxed.
 - Yes, includes schools and churches. Ten years ago the schools district could offer business incentive agreements to attract business to attract businesses to the city. The state eliminated that ten years ago. D20 has none, all have been eliminated.

Tom explained mills and mill levies. The Board of Education has control over the Override Levy and the Bond Levy.

Mr. Gregory reviewed what bond funds can be used for by statute, in section 7. He pointed out that this list includes assets that will be around a long time; it does not include staff salaries or textbooks.

Charter schools are included by law, in any bond discussion/approval.

Tom explained the chart in section 7 reflecting current and projected tax collections. Shaded column D is projection for assessed value, D20 prefers to be conservative in debt.

Questions/Comments:

- Dr. Gary Coulter said the message is that D20 has been so successful in attracting new homes and businesses; he spoke to “the magic of management” that says that resources should match requirements. Don't do it just to keep the mill levy up; because we are growing fast, the requirement is there for the added expenditures in order to keep the quality up to provide our students with a quality education. Dr. Coulter said the important thing is D20 maintaining its quality; the good news is we can provide the resources to meet that requirement without increasing property tax.
 - Tom said meeting the need piece will be a focus. Pockets of growth in the district creates the need piece. He explained the needs were there in 2007, but the capacity was not there.
- Vicky Taylor said the last time she learned the average bond was 7-8 years for growing districts.

- Jackie Walls asked about non-District 20 residents who choice in but don't pay for any of this?
 - Vicky Taylor responded that if we fill a seat we get per pupil funding for that seat. If you have extra seats in the schools, students from anywhere add per pupil operating funds. So you either have an empty seat or you bring in funds. When Chinook Trail opened there were only 60 homeowners in the neighborhood, and we all paid taxes for that.
- What do we get for students on the AF Academy, since we receive no property taxes from federal property?
 - Tom said the Academy is 20% of the land mass of the district. There is a federal program that tries to replace some of the funds. About 20% of our students are from parents who are federal employees and work on federal property, there is no tax from that employee either.
- What is the Per Pupil Operating Revenue (PPOR)
 - \$6140

Fast Facts – talking points

Handout created by Tom Gregory, Karin Reynolds, and Nanette Anderson, Public Information Officer, was distributed.

Karin explained we will talk further about enrollment, choice students, etc. at future meetings. Karin reviewed the “By the Numbers” facts included on the handout.

Past to present

Other thoughts for the good of the group/questions?

Karin asked what else came up that members might need to know more about at a future time. The members responded with the following:

- New construction: there is a large tidal wave of maintenance and repair that are needed. Life cycle of HVAC units, etc. make sure they're not just thinking about new construction.
 - Tom said the charge includes maintenance, etc. as equal components. Schools will present their needs, technology needs, maintenance needs. Karin said we will look at what did not get done from last time.
- Vicky Taylor said we need to look at capacity and what buildings take. Where the needs are based on level, kids, and grades
 - We can have a conversation about portables
- Can we get back to the tax? What will it do to my tax bill if it fails? Show the actual impact.
 - Karin reminded the group their charge is not to put the question on the ballot; they recommend where to spend the funds.
- Vicky Taylor – asked, what do we need? There is no pool at DCC. Need to talk about where there is room to put facilities. Last time we had to go with seats vs. facilities.
- Sounds like a lot of this is east vs west. If we reshuffle boundaries, would that change?

- Karin said boundaries is not in our charge. Often a boundary conversation follows a successful bond election for new schools.
- Are sustainability initiatives any part of this?
 - Karin said they may be a part when talking about capital construction, perhaps how can we save money and natural resources. Tom said this committee could recommend sustainable things for new construction.
- Will we have models of elementary, middle and high school costs?
 - Yes
- Will this committee deal with the southern part of the district, keeping older neighborhood schools relevant and up to date.
 - Karin said every school will have a committee that will come in with recommendations to keep themselves relevant/what their needs are. Tom said the schools decide their needs and this committee could add to the list.

What went well?

- Appreciate vegetarian diet
- Mr. Gregory's presentation and lesson

Need more of:

- More heat
- Hear Don Smith's presentation early on

Karin said there will be a place on the D20 website that all can see committee documents.

<http://www.asd20.org/committees/gcnc/Pages/default.aspx>

Next meeting: November 11, 2015

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

Absent: Ralph Braden, Megan Chura

Ad Hoc Members: Nanette Anderson, Mark Bissell, Susan Field, Brian Grady, Tom Gregory, Shelley Kooser, Anne Krajcovic, David Peak, Karin Reynolds, Greg Stephens, Linda Warhoe