

Growth and Capital Needs Committee
February 9, 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 1/26/16:

Biggest learnings/biggest needs - Members reviewed their notes from the presentations already heard. They discussed biggest learnings and biggest needs as follows.

- Except for TCA all affected a very small demographic and all were asking for large numbers.
- TCA has 15% of the D20 students, they are the largest and highest performing charter school in the state; TCA students consistently outscore other D20 students on assessments. They don't have access to the funding support the rest of schools do. They do have a very legitimate claim to some reasonable percentage of whatever bond is brought forward, as the pre-eminent charter in the state.
- SITW, modular is getting old, and it seems to be very popular program.
- Security – important to invest in radios and modular security.
- We will work to put together estimates of capital improvement costs for programs and schools.
- Challenge the district to look at some way to fund updates as a regular refresh for security, etc.

Karin reminded the group about “buckets” of requests and what schools have been asked to do in their presentations. Schools will present a “wish” list of things that they need to further enhance sound instruction. There are no breaks tonight as six schools are presenting.

Parking lot questions:

1. Cost for a bus? \$110,000 fully equipped. They come from different buckets.
2. Are we holding presentation to 15 min? We are staying as close as possible, some were scheduled to be longer initially. Schools will be 15 minutes only with 5 minutes in between.

A member said they are listening for legitimate requirements that have emerged as the district has grown, not wish list items. The natural growth we've had plus the anticipated growth is what we should look for.

Karin explained schools have put together committees that explore the capital needs they have that their own budgets cannot cover. We don't know where this will go. The reality is that if all the money goes to the new growth (east side) why would the west side school communities support it as they have their own needs as well? Tom Gregory reminded the GCNC members that we do need the support of the entire D-20 community to pass a bond should the Board decide to move forward with this ballot issue. Tom Gregory said the schools should answer, "I wish we had or I wish we could..." The GCNC doesn't place judgment on the requests. We allocate in the fairest way possible to share the dollars. Capital needs that school or their budget cannot cover belong in bucket A. The kinds of things needed are legitimate ones that they need to operate more effectively and efficiently.

If schools are not real clear in their presentations, we should ask what is in bucket A and Bucket B – those things that

- 1 - What they need to continue to do the work
- 2 - To support today's educational needs
- 3 - Enrollment – do we need more schools, look at needs

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

III. Woodmen Roberts ES presentation

- Presentation posted on GCNC website.

V. Foothills ES presentation

- Presentation posted on GCNC website.

IV. Rockrimmon ES Presentation

- Presentation posted on GCNC website.

VI. Edith Wolford ES presentation

- Presentation posted on GCNC website.

VII. Douglass Valley ES presentation

- Presentation posted on GCNC website.

VIII. Academy Calvert K-8 Online School presentation

- Presentation posted on GCNC website.

IX. Closing the Loop: Parking Lot questions

Collaborative input model: Karin asked committee to consider the revisions.

- Recommend extending the end time of the meetings to add 30 minutes and end at 8:30. All agreed to changed end time to 8:30.

- BOE communication linkage - update given to the school board at their 2nd meeting of each month.
- Changed May 5 to a regular meeting and moved the public forum to May 10th.

Karin and Tom will put the items requested by sites and departments in the buckets for the group to reference as presentations continue. PPR dollars will be represented in, Bucket A, and Bucket B will represent those capital needs that go beyond the PPR possibilities. The dollar amounts will be important, so they will do what they can with the estimates.

Tom said there is a need for time to address questions around the following, and we will do that at the next meeting.

- Capital planning
- Capital funding
- Survey results
- A member expressed their opinion that when the GCNC “racks and stacks” the requests with a forced matrix after last presentations the people in the room should be Tom Gregory, Karin Reynolds, and the GCNC; principals and administrators that have a ‘dog in the fight’ should not be included. Karin said ad hoc members won’t be a part of the decision making. She shared that all other people in the room are voting members and representing specific stakeholder groups, so they do need to be a part of decision making and have a voice in it.

Schools presenting next meeting include Mountain View ES, High Plains ES, Frontier ES, Pioneer ES, Prairie Hills ES, and Explorer ES.

- A member suggested that, regarding buckets A & B, the GCNC could suggest there are a lot of things in column A that are safety concerns. Tom said no principals would be discouraged if the funding source recommendations from the GCNC did not come from their Bucket A money, but rather Bucket B. The GCNC may certainly move items from column A to B.
- A member mentioned the theme of items needed in older buildings include furniture, paint, and bathrooms. The GCNC can pull those items off and list as more of a priority.
- A member expressed a concern about 1.5 estimate for HVAC, and asked if funds were mismanaged that they need this.
- A member asked about accountability for taxpayers that would be in place to ensure that what we say we will use bond dollars for will really be used for those purposes. Tom shared that a recommendation that came from the 2001 & 2006

groups is an oversight committee to oversee funds, and it is assumed that this GCNC will make the same recommendation should a bond issue pass.

X. Next meeting: February 23rd, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at RHS Tech Wing

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

Attendance:

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, Jackie Priessman, Patrick Schumaker, Tony Scott, Robin Stanforth, Jason Stejskal, Vicki Taylor, Jackie Walls, Stephen Zamborelli

Absent: Kathy Armacost, Henry Reitwiesner, Ruth Schoen, Anthony Sibley, Will Temby, David Tubb, Mark VanGambleare

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

Absent: Nanette Anderson, Mark Bissell, Shelley Kooser