Long Range Advisory Committee

MINUTES
Monday, March 20, 2023
5:30 - 7:30 PM

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Committee Members in Attendance: Brian Lewandowski, Brooke Daerr, Caleb Starbuck, Dan Ryan, Dawn DiMedio, Della Smith, Gavan Goodrich, Gordo Byrn, Jeff Anderson, Jim Topping, Josh Baldner, Kate Stricklan, Peter Newman, Tina Marquis, Trish De Fries, Vanessa Hetzel, Yvette Salas

Staff Members in Attendance: Rob Price, Glen Segrue, Bill Sutter, Susan Cousins, Jean Sturm

I. **Welcome**
Yvette Salas started the meeting by welcoming the committee and provided an overview for the upcoming meeting schedule. Jeff Anderson requested that we move the 4/17 meeting to after the Board work session discussions in May.

II. **Public Comment**
No members of the public were present.

III. **Committee Governance** (Yvette Salas & Jeff Anderson)
A. The upcoming meeting dates will be held as follows
- May 16 | Board work session
- May 22 | Meeting
- Jun. 13 | Committee recommendations presented to Board

B. The Feb. 27 minutes were approved by the group.
C. Committee Communication – No comments from the committee were shared
D. Salas gave a recap of the presentation provided to the Board on Tuesday, 3/14. Anderson also shared comments about the Board's response to the presentation. The Board is engaged in this process and understands this is a complicated decision.

IV. **Discussion**
A. Rob Price reviewed the updated working draft of the Supposals with the committee. The committee discussed the revised document and offered comments:

- Be clear with school communities about how much say they have in the process
- It would be good to notify parents prior to open enrollment if the school enrollment is declining.

- Middle schools may also be declining and should be considered.
- Make it clear that this process does not include charter schools.
- It is good to engage a school in thinking about its future.
- Boundary changes should remain a consideration. While changing boundaries will not counter the shortfall in enrollment, it does have potential to rebalance schools and create fuller classrooms.
- Working to rebalance schools could be a goal, but doesn't address the overall decline in enrollment. Rebalancing is more palatable than closure.
- The geographic spread of the district and its impact on potential changes should be a consideration in the process.
- The Supposal should be more transparent about the possibility of closure.
- The committee agrees closing schools is a last resort and the outcome should be as transparent as possible to eliminate surprises and bring back trust to the community.
- Need clarity on the goals of the process - getting everybody ready to make hard decisions down the road.
- It might be helpful to provide more information about what the community process could look like, e.g., surveys, discussion forums, etc.
- Suggestions were made to modify the Open Enrollment form to garner feedback from families about why they want to change schools.
- The body of work that has come from the LRAC process to date could be helpful in the community process.

Bill Sutter noted that BVSD is not in the same financial position that necessitated school closures at other Districts.

B & C. Small Group Discussion - The group did not break into smaller groups. The discussion continued as a whole.

D. The draft Timeline for Community Process was shared with the committee. Committee members offered comments and feedback.

- One year to evaluate the changes and how a school performs may be too short on the timeline. It should extend to two years for reshuffling of families and how we advertise ourselves. Adding programs takes a few years and teacher training is needed.

- Could help come earlier for Tier 1 schools? Perhaps through staff level actions such as changing OE rules or boundary changes.

V. Additional Public Comment

No additional public comments were made.

VI. Upcoming Agenda Review

- Apr. 17 | Committee meeting has been canceled. Staff will meet with the committee chairs to discuss the upcoming work session.
- May 16 | Work Session will review 5-year projections and metrics for the presentation to the Board.
- May 22 | Meet as a large group

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.