Long Range Advisory Committee

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Monday, December 18, 2023
5:30 - 7 PM

Committee Members in Attendance: Brian Lewandowski, Brooke Daerr, Gordo Byrn, Jim Topping, Trish De Fries, Jamillah Richmond, Dan Ryan, Yvette Salas, Jeff Anderson, Tina Marquis

Staff Members in Attendance: Susan Cousins, Lora De La Cruz, Sierra Espinoza, Robbyn Fernandez, Rob Price, Glen Segrue

I. Welcome

Yvette Salas welcomed the committee.

II. Public Comment

A. No members of the public were present.

III. Committee Governance

A. Salas reviewed upcoming important dates related to the work of the committee:
- Board Enrollment Work Sessions Summary Discussion, Jan. 16
- Annual Enrollment Advisory Update - Feb. 13
- LRAC Update to Board - Feb.13
- LRAC Meetings Feb. 26, Apr. 15

B. The September 18 minutes were approved.

C. Committee Communication
Committee members shared comments or concerns they have or are hearing from their communities:
- There is concern in Boulder about school closure.s
- The type of housing available impacts whether young families can move into the District; high density residential housing being constructed in Boulder doesn't yield students.
- Students moving into new development in east county near Parkdale will be assigned to Sanchez;
- Committee members want to be clear that because a school's enrollment declines does not mean the school is failing.

IV. Information/Discussion

A. BVSD Sr. Planner Glen Segrue presented an update on enrollment which was also presented to the Board in December. Committee members shared comments and questions:

- There was discussion about how the recent rise in immigration might affect enrollment; Many of these students are still getting settled and are not yet enrolled.
- Assistant Superintendent of Schools Robbyn Fernandez reported that, due to declining enrollment and more space being available at schools, most families are getting their first choices for open enrollment.
- Several committee members shared comments about equity issues related to open enrollment and barriers to access for some families along with preferences that create advantages for others.

B. Assistant Superintendent Rob Price provided an overview of recent Board work sessions discussing enrollment policies and asked if the committee had feedback to share with the Board.
   - A suggestion was shared for the Board to work toward middle ground with its response to the situation—macro moves are too difficult and micro moves don't accomplish enough. Caution was also encouraged related to potentially alienating a community that has been supportive of the District with actions that cause significant disruption without accomplishing much.
   - Comments were shared concerning the need to address existing perceived equity issues with current enrollment patterns as well as being mindful of impacts on equity with actions the Board may consider moving forward.

C. Fernandez began a presentation explaining the impacts of declining enrollment at the middle school level.

V. Additional Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.