

Long Range Planning

Minutes July 19, 2004

Bold indicates those in attendance

Present: **Anne Shipe, Paul Matherne, Carol Hurt**, John Herrmann, **Dean Riddick, Linda McRaven, Michael Coppola, Donnell Smith, Diane Behrens, Al Reaser, Lisa Glass, Willie Smith**, Jackson Zimmerman, Wayne Cilimberg, Tom Foley

Dr. Behrens opened the meeting thanking the committee for their work and for being there tonight. She explained what the agenda and focus would be for this meeting.

Welcome

Mr. Reaser explained that Albemarle County is in good shape for seats at elementary schools except in the southern area.

Capacity

Mr. Riddick shared with the committee the March 2003 presentation given to the School Board. The presentation outlined the framework for straight feeder patterns. The LRPC recommended:

**Framework
for straight
feeder
patterns**

- Adding to Henley MS increasing capacity to 750
- Renovating and adding to Walton MS
- Adding an auditorium to Monticello to open in 2006 along with the auxiliary gym
- Adding 500 seats to Monticello
- Implementing the middle school redistricting plan

The School Board changed the CIP to:

- Increase the MS capacity to 900 at Henley instead of 750
- Delete the classrooms at Walton that would increase capacity
- Cut the Monticello addition to 300 seats
- Move the Monticello auditorium to 2011
- Did not accept the MS redistricting plan

The School Board also asked the LRPC to develop:

- A model for straight feeder patterns
- Patterns without splits
- A framework for redistricting without regard to costs or demographics

The framework was developed and LRPC at that time detailed the pros and cons:

PROS

- Straight feeder patterns
- No school splits
- Increases Burley student population

- Less disruption for next 2-8 years
- Provides additional capacity for elementary and middle school levels
- No major redistricting for 7-8 years
- Most economical to build new high school seats at Monticello
- Some of the issues listed as “cons” can be addressed by a redistricting committee

CONS

- Does not address or further diversity
- Not the most cost effective plan
- Initial large disruption of students, families and faculty
- No room for growth at Albemarle or Monticello High Schools without additions
- Accelerates the need for a new northern high school
- Adds transportation costs (up to 5 busses)

Discussion following the presentation centered around the validity of some of the pros and cons and further clarification of them.

Lisa Glass updated the committee on potential growth. The areas listed below should be monitored:

- Mosby Mountain (5th street) – Cale District – 159 units
- Avon Street – Cale District – 59 units
- Fontaine Avenue – Murray District – 61 units
- Glenwood – Rio Road – Woodbrook District – 66 units

Potential Growth

After much discussion about growth in the southern area, Mr. Riddick made a motion to leave the southern urban elementary school in the CIP to be built in or touching the growth area with a capacity of 400 and infrastructure for 600 as currently described in the CIP. Ms. Hurt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with Mr. Herrmann being absent.

Southern Urban Elementary School

At the last LRPC meeting the Long Range Planning Committee reiterated the desire to create straight feeder patterns wherever possible. The movement of students should take place in a planned manner when additions/renovations are completed. As a result of the motion to build a new elementary school, redistricting will be necessary. Mr. Riddick made a motion to recommend the School Board initiate the redistricting process to address identified split feeder pattern issues, to plan for straight feeder pattern countywide where appropriate, and to populate current and planned facilities K-12, as soon as practical with phased in implementation as facilities are ready. Ms. Hurt seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with Mr. Herrmann being absent.

Redistricting

A motion was made by Mr. Riddick to recommend to the Board the redistricting committee be comprised of one member from the school

community from each magisterial district and two at large members. The motion was seconded by Dr. Matherne and the motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hermann being absent. This would make a committee of 8 current LRPC members and 8 new community members.

Mr. Riddick made a motion that the Monticello auditorium be moved up to be built in 2005-06 in conjunction with the auxiliary gym. Ms. McRaven seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with Mr. Herrmann being absent.

Dr. Behrens distributed a letter from a citizen who requested that the committee move the Monticello auditorium to 2005-06 in the CIP.

**Monticello
Auditorium**

**Letter from
citizen**

The August 9 meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be August 23. Meetings will begin at 6:00 and end at 8:30. Food will be provided.

**Future
Meeting
Dates**

Topics for the next meeting:

- Draft- 2005/06 CIP will be presented.

Minutes submitted by E. Diane Behrens, Executive Director Support Services