

## DRAFT COPY MINUTES

### Cave Creek Unified School District Short-Term Program and Facilities Committee 11.28.05 6:30pm FAC MPR II

- I. NORMS – Dr. Burdick started the meeting by going over the Norms. Linda Garvin asked if a clarification on e-mails could be added to the Norms and thinks all e-mails should be reviewed by the chairperson first before sending out to the committee. Dr. Burdick added the item to the Parking Lot.
- II. PURPOSE OF A SUPERINTENDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Ms. Militello reviewed the purpose of the committee. The committee was called on October 11<sup>th</sup> to recommend to the Superintendent viable options for future programs and facilities usage in order to meet the short-term needs of the district. This includes:
  - Use of new school facility under construction at the Pinnacle Vista Complex
  - Any resulting impact to current schools/facilities

Ms. Militello let the committee know that the meeting would be informational with a short question and answer period at the end.

- III. APPLIED ECONOMICS PRESENTATION – Rick Brammer from Applied Economics presented the most current demographic information. Mr. Brammer discussed his history with CCUSD; he has compiled the demographics for CCUSD since 2001. The District is 144 square miles. He plots current students from a file obtained from the District. The District's enrollment trends have changed but are still increasing at a much decreasing rate. The growth rate is up from last year partially due to recovering Kindergarten students in our full day program. In looking at the enrollment composition, Mr. Brammer pointed out that the older groups of students are increasing in growth faster than our younger groups. There are older parents moving into the District and the enrollment is still increasing, it is just slower. Mr. Brammer also tracks housing developments in our District. They track who owns the land and what upcoming developments are in the works, the only uncertainty is the State land East of Pima road. Until the issue is resolved, demographers will not be able to accurately plot out the development of that particular piece of land. Recent development activity went from 2002 units per year to 800 per year, housing variety has decreased. The DWES area is still and will remain the springboard into the district due to the wide variety of housing options available there. The growing developmental areas for the future are Graystone (grid 39), Trojan Horse Ranch (grid 26) and Desert Horizons (grid 2). Housing construction has not happened yet, but it will eventually which makes planning boundaries difficult. The biggest wild card is the large State land section East of Pima. City of Scottsdale would like to see all of the land as a preserve. There are still subdivisions in our District that are active, there are just questions on when the development will begin or be completed. Several main subdivisions are only halfway built. Mr. Brammer did point out that the longer the demographics are done the more accurate the forecasting becomes, due to many factors,

some of which are building relationships with developers and gaining knowledge of the economic shifts in this area. The unorganized potential is great. Some of the unorganized numbers are in the projection, but not all. Demographics are really a tool to project the next year, they will be very accurate in the 3 to 5 year range, but anything beyond 5 years is only an indicator. In regards to the shift in enrollment, it is mostly due to the rising housing costs in the area. Older families have more of an ability to afford to move into the area. As Mr. Brammer noted the future growth in the schools, he pointed out that CSHS is the main concern.

- IV. FACILITY REVIEW/PRESENTATIONS - Mr. Roehler and the selected Principals, Evelyn Holbrook and Kay Abram made their presentations together. After each Principal spoke, Mr. Roehler went over his facility capacity information for accuracy and input.
- a. BMES – Pam Sitton gave the facility information for Black Mountain and discussed the programs available on her campus. The facility space was calculated with and without the portables space. Based on Governing Board policy BMES is already over capacity and also has limitations on their campus. It was pointed out that they have no indoor space to conduct PE classes and they are already using two portable classrooms for homeroom classes. (1<sup>st</sup> grade)
  - b. DAMS – Ann Orlando gave the facility and program information for Desert Arroyo. Their enrollment is approx 745, but they have had more in the past. DAMS is able to offer many specialized programs on their campus and share many of these programs’ costs with STMS.
    - i. Mr. Bail asked how the State came up with their capacity number of 1162 and Mr. Roehler replied that most CCUSD classrooms are bigger than the state would want. The State would want schools to put in more students or split rooms in half. The School Facilities Board uses the minimum standards and uses their number to fund the Districts. It works to their advantage to use a smaller number. The 720 square foot classrooms are not doable in real life, which makes funding difficult.
  - c. STMS – Dr. Skot Beazley present his school’s facility and program information. Sonoran Trails started as a high school; it was renovated to become an elementary school and finally became a middle school 7 years ago. Dr. Beazley referenced his handout for program and staffing information.
  - d. CSHS – Clay Carpenter present Cactus Shadows facility information. Mr. Carpenter detailed each buildings purpose and use and pointed out discrepancies between his and Mr. Roehler’s data. There were some questions on how classrooms had been changed over the years to meet needs. Mr. Carpenter also pointed out that due to lack of space there are two floating teachers who do not have classrooms.
    - i. Mr. Bail and Ms. Militello discussed capacity and it was pointed out that the purpose of the committee was not to determine classroom capacities but to determine the use of the flex school. It has already been determined that the middle and high schools have limited space.
  - e. Special Education – Kay Abram discussed the concerns for special education programs and space issues. At the high school, there have been many adjustments made to the 400 building area to accommodate changing special ed needs. A

main concern is that the special ed programs are not spread throughout the high school community, but are segregated to mainly the 400 building. This issue has been worked on over the years, but each time there is a space issue, special ed goes back into the 400 building. Space is critical at the high school to enable special ed to be in compliance with all laws. DAMS is also limited on space for special ed programs and are in violation due to classrooms being isolated. Special ed programs have been more successful at STMS integrating into general population. BMES has the same issues as the high school. The flex school has already been designed with an enhance classroom for special ed, but there are other minimum requirements that will need to be included.

- f. Community Educations – Evelyn Holbrook discussed the facility usage for community ed programs. Many programs are offered before and after school but there are storage areas at most sites for community ed. They are using three classrooms at the high school for preschool classes, there is also a small office divided into two rooms. They use some office and storage space at the Fine Arts Center. There are preschool classrooms at DAMS and HTES. Community ed also offers many programs and enrichment classes over the summer.
- V. FINANCIAL UPDATE – Dr. Frison discussed bond expenditure information. The newest feedback from bond counsel is that the 10% can be used to build new school buildings on current campuses. Dr. Frison also clarified how the new school would be equipped with the override failing. There are not enough funds to equip the school with brand new equipment wall to wall. There is an assumption that some of the furniture and equipment will come with the students from other schools.
- VI. REVIEW 11/14/05 BRAINSTORMING – Ms. Militello reviewed some of the brainstorming ideas from the last meeting. She stated the consensus of the committee is that the high school and middle schools have space issues. She asked the committee to think about ideas to bring back to the next meeting on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- a. Linda Garvin added to the list; move administration offices to the flex school and some students, use the Fine Arts Center and portables for overflow.
  - b. Javier Ledesma added to the list; use the 10% bond monies to build new buildings.
  - c. Another committee member asked everyone to make sure transportation issues are considered when reviewing the list of options.
- VII. QUESTION & ANSWER/NEXT STEPS – Ms. Militello let the committee know that they would need to cut down the options to consider and break into sub committees, there is also a need for a co-facilitator. The co-facilitator will help determine the decision making process and needs to be someone not involved in the District or employed by the District. It should be a community member.
- a. Dr. Beazley suggested assigning one to two options to sub committees and have them defend the position (pros and cons), brings those back again until it is down to one or two main options.
  - b. Ms. Militello gave her idea of breaking into sub committees and assign four or five pros and cons for each assigned option.

- c. Mr. Bail stated he did not think that the problem statement was defined and wanted an agreement amongst all committee members. Ms. Militello asked for a show of hands for those members who agreed that the problem is overcrowding in the middle and high schools. The majority of the committee raised their hands. Ms. Militello restated that the committee is not in place to solve long range problems, just suggest short range solutions only.
- d. **Next meetings December 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.**

VIII. PARKING LOT – Did not get to e-mail item.

IX. ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Members in Attendance:

Dr. Debbi Burdick	Lori Kelchner
Dr. Kent Frison	Bev Kennedy
Javier Ledesma	Linda Schaner
Stephanie Reese	David Lewis
Dennis Roehler	Marg Nelssen
Cathy Erwin	RJ Gamble
Meribeth Reeves	
Greg Davis	Ruth Varner
Evelyn Holbrook	Linda Wilbanks
Kay Abram	Rich Bail
Jay Mann	Jan Misseri
Dr. Skot Beazley	Frieda Harley
Ann Orlando	Sharon Sammartino
Pam Sitton	Steve Scarpulla
Clay Carpenter	Kay Silverman
Kai Cooper	Lonnie Wilbanks
Debbie Militello	Janey White
Linda Garvin	James Carrick

Visitor: Lisa Natham, Desert Advocate

Minutes Taken By: Vanessa Poincelot