

Bond Oversight Committee

Friday, May 17, 2013 – Del Pueblo Elementary School

Oversight Attendees: Mark Ajluni, Kendra Black, Mary Brice, Luchia Brown, Patricia Frederico, Stacie Gilmore, Beverly Haddon, Kelly Leid, Cathryn Milkey, Karen Taylor, Luis Torres

DPS Staff: David Suppes, Trena Deane, JT Allen, Bruce Huxley, Moe Alarcon, Mike Eaton, Charles Garcia, Brendan Henderson, Brian Eschbacher

Agenda:

- Review of committee member binders
- Overview of safety & security, open plan classrooms, air cooling solutions
- Summary of 2013 & 2014 maintenance projects
- Financial update & construction cost considerations
- Internship program
- Discuss next steps

Meeting Notes:

Safety & Security

- Mike Eaton, DPS Director of Safety & Security, presented an overview of the safety & security projects (slide 4 of the presentation). Year 1 will locate 3 card reader access points at every district-owned school building. These will primarily be used by staff in the first phase. For larger buildings with many access points, additional readers will be installed in the later phases, but it is key to get 3 access points into every school in the first year.
- In addition, emergency lockdown buttons are being installed in every main office to support the ability to have an immediate lockdown and notify the local authorities.
- A question was asked regarding the cost savings of the investment, and Mike replied that currently if a master key is lost to a building, the entire building must be re-keyed, which costs a substantial amount of money. The move to card readers also makes it easier for staff to access the building in off hours, instead of needing to be let in by security, which currently happens in some locations.
- Students will not have to swipe in during busy hours, this control system is for the off-hours, which will avoid bottlenecks at entry points during the start and end of the school day.
- DPS has site-based security at over 60 schools, primarily middle and high schools. Several also have a School Resource Officer, who works with Denver Police Department. DPS Security works with principals to determine the best way to use the security staff at their site: whether it is at the main check-in point, or to be a mobile presence in the building.
- Included in the \$5.9 Million budget for safety & security is the software and integration needed to link up the camera surveillance with card reader surveillance and emergency notifications.
- Some cameras currently have lower resolution, but many of those are being identified and replaced as part of the bond as well as on-going maintenance work.

Air Cooling Solutions

- It is important to note that this is not air conditioning, rather air cooling. Estimates created during the bond planning process last year revealed that it would cost over \$350 Million to install air conditioning into the 88 schools that currently do not have it. The \$25 Million estimate for air cooling involves the use of swamp coolers, fans, and window repairs to use nature to assist in cooling facilities the several weeks of the year it is hot.
- These solutions are sequenced along with the other projects so that facilities are only impacted once by construction, which also has cost savings.

Project Classification

- A question was raised as to why safety & security, open plan classrooms, and air cooling solutions were identified as “major projects”. These three areas were of high interest to the Community Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) in 2012, and DPS wants to ensure that we maintain a higher level of visibility to those projects as they are scheduled and completed.

Project Scheduling / Sequencing

- A question was raised as to how DPS sequences the maintenance projects over the next 4 years. This item will be added to the agenda of the June meeting so DPS can prepare a more in-depth answer.

Sustainability

- There is an increased level of interest in sustainability projects, including how the 2008 sustainability projects have performed after installation. This will be added to a future agenda and tracked as a “Major Project”, though may not appear on the June agenda due to other outstanding items.

Financial Update

- This item was not able to be covered this month but will be moved to the June agenda.

Next Meeting – June 14, 2013, 7:30am – 9:00am, location TBD

Agenda:

- Financial update
- Bond diversity program
- Prioritization methodology
- In depth discussion on 1860 Lincoln