

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting  
January 5, 2010

Present: Doreen Richardson, Chris McAuliffe, Lucille Browne, Cristina Santos, David Gay. Also present were Tim Curtis and Superintendent Feser

Ms. Richardson began the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Referring to the draft Vision Statement, Ms. Richardson suggested holding off on reviewing it given the time and having heard about Race to the Top, which will have implications for the Long Range Planning Committee. She suggested the group skip to the Update on the Elementary Schools Task Force.

Mr. Tim Curtis, Chair of the Windsor Elementary Schools Task Force provided a synthesis of the work of the task force to date. He indicated that there had been seven meetings of the Task Force and three community meetings. He shared that he was very impressed with the progress of the work, the narrowing of the focus, which was greatly helped by the community meetings. He indicated that he was confident that the Task Force will come forth with a set of recommendations. Mr. Curtis then reviewed the options that are under consideration by the Task Force at this time. He shared that one stance that the Task Force took is the desire to have full-day kindergarten.

Ms. Richardson reminded those present that when the Long Range Planning Committee convened, full-day kindergarten and declining enrollment were central. She suggested that the need to think of the work of the Task Force and how it fits into the vision of the Long Range Planning Committee and its charge, for example, "What would the reconfiguration of the elementary schools do to the strategic plan?"

Ms. Richardson asked if there were additional questions for Mr. Curtis. Four questions were posed by members present:

1. What are the conversion costs?
2. Is there a different impact on the budget if we go to four buildings?
3. What were the determining factors to recommend fewer options?
4. Will the Task Force declare if a building could not be used for a given option.

There was further discussion on the study.

Ms. Richardson indicated that it was important for the new group to look at the charge of the committee.

A date for the next meeting was set, March 4, 6:30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.