

**LPC Minutes**  
**October 15, 2007**  
**Arlington Elementary Library**

Members Present: John Nochta, Mary Browning, Bill Wallace, Jim Duncan, Paul Newton, Scott Winkler, Sandra Robertson-Long, Steve Kay, Kari Kirchner, Becky Sagan, Matt Thompson, Michelle Beverly, Bob Joice

Visitors: Carmen Coleman, Debbie Boian, Robert Wilkirson, Carolyn Martin.

John Nochta called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m. A quorum was present.

Debbie Boian served as secretary

Minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus. Those present introduced themselves.

Review of tax initiative – Initiative has passed and there was no petition filed with the County Clerk’s office, tax bills with new rate have been sent. The group will need to consider the priority of projects (the order can be changed with second biennium projects). The District has already advertised for architects for the Arlington and Cassidy projects and will begin moving on other projects. The district may need to make some support staff adjustments to handle the magnitude of proposed projects. Mary thanked the LPC for their support of the initiative.

Mary reviewed process for determination of renovation vs. new school.

Several questions were asked about Bryan Station Middle School. Issues of space and subsurface may contribute to the decision to replace rather than renovate that school.

Bill reported that the architect reports will be available at the meeting next month. Architects are finalizing those reports now. There were a total of 13 building sites reviewed. RFQ for design work for pending projects have been advertised for and are due next Monday at noon. Past experience has been that approximately 20 or so firms will respond. These firms will be placed in a pool for the school selection committees to choose from.

Discussion of use of empty space during renovations will begin at the District level next week.

Carmen Coleman discussed with the group what instructional program needs would need to be included in new school design. She cited: common areas for several classes to use, rooms that are specially equipped (i.e., music, science, technology), communal rooms. Classroom clusters with common meeting area in middle. Additionally, she expressed a desire for: A Healthy Kids clinic with space for a clinic or school nurse, a dedicated space for Family Resource or Youth Service Centers, lockers in hallway instead of

cubbies in room (cubbies take up wall space and encourage the spread of illness and lice), Dual sided stage (like the one at Veterans Park) has proven to be very useful. It was noted that specialized areas are wonderful, but we almost always have to convert it to some sort of instructional space. Also important were an entrance that limits visitors so that the only place people go is the office, a separate outside entrance for FRYSCs.

Early start needs to be discussed – is the district going to utilize early start clusters?

Question: *How much input does the committee have?* In the past we have worked on a model that has been the template. Architects that work for this district also work in other districts. They continually bring ideas to the district and it is up to us to determine whether or not we find those suggestions to be positive for us.

There is a need for direction from IAKSS on Highly structured classrooms, FMD, Early Start, clustering and other uses that will need to be more dedicated to instructional uses.

John will bring art teacher responses to the next meeting.

Carolyn Martin presented current scores for NCLB, what was presented was the actual raw score. These will be helpful in prioritizing both projects and program components that are placed in schools.

*Is there data to show test scores improve with new buildings?* There are pieces of research that indicate comfort, daylighting, etc. are helpful. However there is nothing currently to point to that conclusion. It does remove barriers, but is not a cure.

Next meeting will be at Russell Cave Elementary, Monday, November 26, 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 5:50 p.m.