

**Local Planning Committee  
January 28, 2008  
Cassidy Elementary School**

Members Present: Scott Winkler, Martha Moore, John Nocht, Becky Sagan, Mary Browning, Steve Kay, Paul Newton, Jim Duncan, Bob Joice, Kari Kirchner, Michelle Beverly, Marsha Strein, Joyce Florence, Matt Thompson.

The meeting was called to order by John Nocht at 4:35. The agenda was approved by consensus.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved by consensus

Debbie Boian was appointed secretary.

John led the group in discussion of the draft DFP.

*Question (Becky Sagan) – In looking at the IAKSS project can you explain Priority 4? All of the other projects have different numbering, what does 4 mean? That reflects the most recent evaluation of the building and where it would fall on a priority list. Can we do it before everything else that is not a school? Ordinarily not, especially if there are schools in serious condition, but you will see the score of the IAKSS building reflects its condition in relation to the schools.*

Mary then led the group into a discussion about their feelings about the list. This version of the list is a first draft and may be one reiteration of a list that the group may want to take to the public. It does put IAKSS before Yates, Cardinal Valley, and others, but projects are done on a biennium basis and projects, while listed in a certain order, do not necessarily need to be done in that order. Additionally, the state recently changed their guidelines from 20 years to 30 years, so now many of these other schools (below IAKSS) do not hit that 30 year mark.

Since the District has funds available, the state will not likely prohibit it from placing schools that have not been the full 30 years if that is the choice of both the Board and the committee. The district is mandated to do projects listed in the same biennium. The list that has been presented has been reviewed by the maintenance department and it fits with their experience in these buildings. We may want to hold off doing IAKSS after we do the new elementary school out I-75.

*Question (Marsha Strein) - The elementary at Keithshire, I'm assuming we need that because of growth? We are very, very crowded on the end of town. Bob has been working with the city looking at growth projections out there and we feel there is a need for a school on that site.*

Bob Joice commented that in looking at Mary Todd, it seems that most schools are in order of survey score, but Mary Todd isn't. Years ago it was placed higher on the list

because it was thought the District was going to close Russell Cave and there would need to be renovation to allow for moving students from Russell Cave. Since Russell Cave is remaining open, Mary Todd's score does not assume that it should be that high. His thought was to move Mary Todd down, more reflective of their score.

Jack Murrell reported that the four schools with the most critical air conditioning systems are Meadowthorpe, Cardinal Valley, Mary Todd and Clays Mill. There could be HVAC issues should we experience another heating season like last year. The district is replacing the HVAC at Meadowthorpe. The other three are would need to be monitored closely by the maintenance department. There are other systems out there that could break, but these are the ones that the department is monitoring the closest.

*Question (Paul Newton) - Does that make a difference whether there is a renovation?*  
Ideally, Yates and Cardinal Valley would be moved up if you simply went by raw score.

Mary suggested that at the next meeting the group be given a list ranking the schools, rather than sorting out by year and include information such as student population data, projections of enrollment in the area, the types of resources needed by the students, other criteria KDE asks committees to look at when making decisions.

She asked if there was any other information the committee needed to see.

Martha Moore requested any health issues that may be affecting the buildings, such as indoor air quality, mold, etc. Marsha added that she would like to see things that would stand in the way of kids learning – HVAC issues, hallways being too narrow for the number of students, that sort of thing.

*Question (Marsha Strein) - Does the cost matter?* I don't think so, we just met with our fiscal agent and we can bond whatever we need to.

*Question - Is the line of eight projects firm?* This is a very aggressive schedule, it is important that we get as many of these projects done as soon as possible. However, we do not want to be too aggressive, one because we don't have staff, and two when we go out for bid on these projects, there are limited numbers of subcontractors who have the quality we need for our projects. If we have competition on our own projects we could inadvertently drive the price up for ourselves. We will know a lot more about that when we get ready to kick off the next five projects, but a case in point are the three current projects we are working on. The first two were bid at the same time, but the third lagged a couple of weeks and it came in a little higher than the first two. This is a situation we will need to monitor closely with the next group of projects going to bid.

There was a suggestion that because there has been a small slowdown in building and housing starts within the community that the new schools take lower priority. The group could then concentrate on renovations especially where there are issues of overcrowding.

The group decided a matrix for the next meeting with the following data would assist in the decision making:

- Number of free and reduced meal students
- ESL student populations
- Projected Enrollment
- Any particular population needs that are not being met within the facilities (family resource centers, health clinics, etc.)
- What maintenance might need to fix before a renovation might come up (HVAC, plumbing, tuckpointing, etc.)
- IAQ issues within the buildings (Mold, Asbestos, etc.)

The group was asked to look and determine if any schools looked wildly out of place. The suggestion was made to move Breckinridge and Tates Creek Elementary up, if Mary Todd was moved down (perhaps including an HVAC project at Mary Todd to help lower its score). Because some of the data is 2005 data and some is 2007 data the group wanted to know the scoring system the architects used for major systems such as HVAC. If doing projects at the four that Jack indicated were problematic would lower the score any at those schools.

Marsha commented that as a parent she would rather see existing schools renovated before any new school projects were undertaken. She felt that in defending the plan parents would rather see renovations rather than new schools where large populations do not exist yet, say in the I-75 corridor.

Mary suggested that the group be given the same list as well as another list that reflected the comments from this meeting to the meeting in February.

John reviewed the tentative timeline: The timeline has been compressed to reflect getting the DFP to the board and to the state board at the end of the summer. Members requested that the matrix scores be E-mailed to them prior to the February meeting so they could review. It was agreed that the February and March meetings would both be lengthy. The February meeting will be Tuesday, February 19 at Clays Mill and the March meeting will be Monday 17, at a location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned 5:36.