

Local Planning Committee
October 5, 2016
Lafayette High School

Members present: Lynn Schentrup, Killian Timoney, Sharon Mofield-Boswell, Dal Harper, Lars Finneseth, Bari Douglas, LaMonte Nowlton, Randall Vaughn, Tracy Curtis, Myron Thompson.
Staff: Debbie Boian, Marcus Dobbs; Visitor, Valerie Honeycutt

Meeting started at 5:45 p.m. there was no quorum present.

Marcus Dobbs started with a presentation on the costs of transportation services (attached).

District wide program ride times are limited to 1.5 hours to maintain efficiency in the system.

Additional students in programs and shorter ride times would increase the need for busses and drivers. There is currently a shortage of drivers so it would be difficult to accommodate shorter times at this time.

Discussed sharing bus routes between programs – The Stables share with Carter G. Woodson in the morning and with The Learning Center in the afternoon. Maxwell with Spanish Immersion is a District wide program, as is Dixie within Board policy transportation for magnet schools is provided to students on free and reduced lunch and if there are 30 or more students in one area. Typically in Dixie or Maxwell there are no area busses. LTMS is another magnet and there are a couple area busses – most busses are transporting free and reduced lunch students. Carter G. Woodson will be moving to the new high school next year. MLK Academy has dedicated busses serving the entire district.

For the purposes of this discussion he used average rate for drivers and monitors to get the average labor rate and added 28% fringe rate.

Questions: *Vocational not a part of this?* No, because we get some reimbursement for that program from the state. We are not reimbursed for wait time, but we can get reimbursement for the route time.

What is the overall reimbursement for transportation? It fluctuates year to year, part of the formula includes depreciation. An example of the reimbursement would be last year – the budget was \$29 million and we were reimbursed \$9 million.

Will Carter G Woodson have the same hours? We are working on that.

What percentage actually ride busses? Roughly about 19,000 about 50% of 41,000. We don't transport within a mile of the school, if we included those there would be more.

When you are delivering students back to the high school hubs does that cause an instructional day difference? The number of hours? No they are getting the same, it is just an allocation of resources. They start earlier, they still have the same number of hours, they dismiss and that time is spent getting them to the high school. There are only 40 minute windows.

For those long rides, the more time the kids spend on the bus do you see an increase in discipline on the bus? That is really hard to say, for the most part for some there are problems no matter the length of the ride. Overall not really for the district wide programs. A lot of times for these programs are application based, you usually don't have issues out of those students.

Are these all high school and middle school? No they are specialized programs, this is the cost for those programs.

Marcus concluded his presentation and the group began to discuss the projects they had heard during the presentations that should be added to the facilities plan.

Those included:

- STEAM (new facility)
- Newcomer Academy
- Title IX facilities (General Fund projects)
- SCAPA Performance Facility
- New facility to expand SCAPA Program
- Non-traditional/transitional academy
- Remove Early Childhood Center from old plan
- Bus Garage expansion – new garage (in addition to renovations of old)
- New Elementary, Middle, HS in the Masterson Station Area
- New Middle and Elementary in Hamburg Area
- Put Johnson and Linlee facilities back in inventory
- ADA compliance issues addressed
- Secure vestibules in schools that did not receive them during construction or renovation
- Remove white board initiative
- Technology – capital projects
- Special Needs work transition training facility
- Increase capacity at existing schools through some sort of process that will eliminate portables being used for more than a couple of years.
- Adequate bathroom facilities
- Elementary for south side
- New Central Office Building

After a lengthy discussion of projects the group was asked to send any other ideas in prior to the next meeting.

Dal commented that he wanted to look at the plan for more than a meeting prior to voting.

The list will be sent to the other members with a request for feedback.

Meeting was dismissed at 7:03 p.m.