

December 8, 2021

SILVER FALLS LONG RANGE FACILITY PLAN

Silver Falls School District

Meeting Minutes – Long Range Facility Meeting 14

Attendees

See attached sign in sheet

General items:

This meeting was held in the Silverton HS Library.

- **Welcome, Agenda, Sign In**
 - The team walked through the agenda.

- **SFSD Presentation**
 - Members of the K-8 Work Group and Community Listening Session Group summarized and presented their process and findings to the team, including a 30-minute break for each member to read through the K-8 Report that will be included in the final ODE LRFP submission.
 - The K-8 report includes how the K-8 Work Group was formed, the process in which the Group would facilitate the K-8 communities listening sessions, comments made during each school's listening session as well as a summary of the Group's findings.
 - Those who participated in the K-8 process, including those who attended a meeting were invited to share additional thoughts or comments with the team about the meetings.

- **BLRB Presentation**
 - BLRB presented the Executive Summary of the LRFP Committee's work and findings, including facility impacts generated from the K-8 Community Listening Sessions, reviewed the results of the previous meeting's preference exercise and summarized the ODE LRFP Report Requirements in coordination with the activities of the Committee.
 - The general requirements include:
 - Population projections
 - Collaboration with local government planning agencies
 - Evidence of community involvement
 - Identification of buildings on historic preservation lists
 - Analysis of the District's current facilities' needs

- **Next Steps**
 - The team reviewed the next steps:
 - LRFP Report Finalization
 - Final Committee Meeting (for final review of the LRFP document)
 - Submission to the School Board
 - Submission to ODE

- **Committee Discussion**
 - Each team member was given the opportunity to ask questions or provide comments to the group.
 - Concerned that the Board may undo some of the LRFP Committee's work and that there is/was some confusion over a Committee LRFP recommendation versus the LRFP report that summarizes the Group's work. Norms at the beginning of each meeting clearly indicate that this is an advisory group.
 - We should trust the Board to take the LRFP report and the Committee's work into account.
 - Noted that if a 'Bond Planning Committee' is formed that it would not be re-doing the work of this LRFP Committee, but rather further defining what the actual Bond would seek to accomplish.

- Reminded everyone that the language of any Bond going forward would have to be carefully crafted. A good approach may be to push for Priority 1 items in a first bond, then look to other items after the HS bond repayment is complete; ensure that this is clearly communicated with the Public.
- There are a lot of needs within the District, need to work on building unity and need to improve and recognize the importance of volunteers as it can help foster legacy in the school communities. Was unclear about the ODE LRFP report process.
- Concerned about the 'recommendation' misunderstanding (RE ODE report) and concerned that there was no 'final' prioritization. The LRFP has developed and identified priorities per ODE requirements.
- The K-8 process may have overshadowed the LRFP work, but recognized that more K-8 involvement is needed as trust will still be an issue.
- Concerned that without a formal recommendation from the LRFP, the Board will have to decipher the lengthy ODE report.
- Is there no final vote (on the LRFP)? Was unclear that this process was here to meet ODE requirements and not provide a formal recommendation. Norms at the beginning of each meeting clearly indicate that this is an advisory group.
- A cover letter should be included in the ODE report summarizing the LRFP Committee's findings to help the board easily make sense of the group's efforts.
- A strong/formal recommendation from the Committee could be problematic for the Board as there may be other factors they might have to weigh in deciding about how to move forward.
- Appreciates the time that everyone has put in on this committee.
- Appreciates the input and hard work from everyone on this team as it should provide a better outcome for the District and community.
- This process was messy, but that should have been expected as such a large group will not always agree on everything. Pleased to see buy-off from the K-8 communities.
- The LRFP should extend beyond a single bond, need to be looking further out at the facilities. Noted that essentially the report and/or recommendation is to pursue a bond.

Next Meeting – TBD, mid-January is anticipated.

Meeting Minutes prepared by BLRB shall be deemed accurate as the record of matters discussed and conclusions reached. Corrections shall be reported to BLRB within three (3) calendar days of distribution of this document.

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