

Long Range Facilities Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2009

Attendees:	Charles Oestreich	Christy Serrage
	Donald Ludwig	Dr. Ines Segert
	Dr. Jack Jensen	Linda Quinley
	Dr. Nick Boren	Oscar Carter
	Tim Teddy	Dr. Tom Rose
	Dr. Wanda Brown	

Guests:	Dr. Mary Laffey	Dr. Lynn Barnett
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The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Minutes from the May 28, 2009 were approved.

Dr. Segert asked for a copy of the EPA Air Toxins list that was distributed at the April meeting.

1. Discussion with Special Education Regarding Bearfield and Field

Dr. Lynn Barnett spoke regarding the proposal of moving the Bearfield program into Field Elementary upon the completion of Alpha Hart Elementary and the move of Field students and staff.

Dr. Barnett gave a brief introduction to the Bearfield program; how it started and the students it serves. There is a need to move Bearfield in order to consolidate for the sake of the children and better utilization of district resources.

Introduction:

Bearfield is a facility where children with disabilities are served where the IEP team has determined it is the least restrictive environment to meet their educational needs. Not all of the students served by this program are from Columbia. If the students don't originate from Columbia, the District will bill back the school district where the guardian resides (95% are not from Columbia).

Goals:

1. Academic Achievement
 - a. Achievement Gap
2. The District can provide – if the Bearfield program could access a school setting like Field we could offer a playground, gym, and media center. The District needs to provide the students a safe environment to help meet the legal requirements.

The District can also provide:

- a. Math
- b. Art
- c. Literacy

- d. Music
 - e. P.E.
3. Increase the opportunity for learning and attendance; even for a few kids this would be a benefit.
 4. Address dis-proportionality of students that are served in these programs in order to have the opportunity to close the achievement gap between various groups of students.

Through Special Education stimulus money that will be received; approximately \$4M, Special Education would like to use this money for Bearfield. A portion of this money can be used for renovations to make an appropriate learning environment for the students. This is a one time resource that does not come out of the district budget. Also, staff can be transferred with the program and the District does not have to employ extra staff.

the bathrooms. Renovations could begin in January 2010 and consider moving in the spring so that Field does not remain empty for any length of time.

The committee felt that timing was very important in bringing this proposal to the Board. The committee needs to be prepared to discuss the change from making Field an Early Childhood Education Center to Bearfield. The committee needs to stress the needs and the available stimulus money that could help fund this move.