



Carson City School District

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Carson City School District Master Plan Committee

Meeting Notes #2 – December 10, 2009

Attendees: Ron Swirczek, Rick Demar, Dan Allison, Farrell Cafferata, Mary Foster, Joe Cacioppo, Nikki Gladys, Bob Primeau, Debbie McDonald, Gina Hill, Monique Giron, Scott Dockery, Jonathan Young, Teri Cantley, Bob Kennedy, Bill Barbie, Robert Prater, Mark Rotter, LeAnn Saarem, Richard Doede, Karen Abowd, Janice Towns, Bill Miles, Kevin Monsey, Chet Alexander, Richard Stokes, Chris Butson, Mark Korinek, Jose Delfin, Maud Naroll, Mike Mitchell, Steve Pradere, Darrin Berger, Bob Chambers, Tom Metcalf, Steve Wassner, Jim Lemaire, Helaine Jesse, Jason Zona, Walt Sullivan, Michele Lewis, Dan Mooney

The main purpose of this meeting – was to have some “general” discussions on the master plan process, follow up on the previous meeting, and then to break out into the sub-committee’s and assign a chair person for each sub-committee, figure the sub-committee meeting locations and schedules along with subcommittee goals.

Old Discussion Items (items from last meet that were “informational only” – were deleted from future meeting note topics)

- 1.1 Discussed the potential use of the high school for a green house facility – funded/maintained by private concern – but integrated with CCSD high school students and curriculum **Mtg 2 – This was briefly brought up as a example of the community and CCSD working together.**
- 1.2 There was some discussion about a CCSD mission statement and vision statement. The current mission statement was read. There was discussion that a specific vision statement needs to be made by the CCSD board on what direction the district should be focused on. **Mtg 2 – This again was discussed in some detail with a example passed around by Ron Swirczek. After much discussion – it was agreed that Rich Stokes should discuss this issue with the School Board and see if there is a desire to pursue a Mission/Vision Statement even going to far as to assign an additional sub-committee.**

New Discussion Items

- 2.1 All were asked if there were any questions, concerns or requested changes to the previously published meeting notes (from November 19, 2009 meeting). No changes were mentioned
- 2.2 Mike Mitchell indicated that this process in developing the master plan is not an exact science – and the goals may continue to develop/change as this process over the next few months takes place
- 2.3 It was agreed that if the School Board does decide to further define the Mission statement and provide a Vision statement – it could be concurrently with our master plan/facility assessment process.
- 2.4 There was some discussion that we should more clearly define what our “Educational Responsibilities” are. Rich and Mike should discuss this and possibly involve the School Board
- 2.5 An email from John McKenna was passed around for discussion. In summary, the email discussed possible changing/modernizing how school is conducted – such as “on-line” classes, smaller/neighborhood type facilities, etc...
- 2.6 There was a summary introduction by Sue Keema on “Distance Learning” and the School Board authorizing a pilot program to pursue various ways of “teaching” kids via on-line classes. Some of this is necessary for Juvenile Detention bound students, home bound and hospital bound students. It is also used for students to make up lost credits in order to graduate on time. Currently approved for higher level students – may be used in future at all grade levels. Part of this need is to compete with Charter schools and may also be used for students not currently enrolled in the district but are home schooling. This is a work in progress that will be updated and monitored on how it may affect future use of facilities and staff.
- 2.7 There was discussion that educating our students can be compared to a business and the CCSD needs to compete with all other existing school programs and look at options that may increase students and meet the changing/developing needs of students and parents.
- 2.8 There was some discussion about the differences between Nevada and other states on how funding is provided for Public Schools
- 2.9 Someone brought up that it would be good to review in the Education Programs sub-committee on why students reaching middle school age seem to lose their motivation to learn. Maybe something can be done to combat this trend?
- 2.10 At this point – all members broke into their sub-committees with the purpose of assigning a chairperson for each sub-committee, setting meeting dates and goals for each committee. Meeting notes and established dates for each of the subcommittees will be posted on the school district website as they are forwarded from each subcommittee chairperson.
- 2.11 There was a request made to have the following documents made available and emailed to all members.

- The master plan update that was done a couple years ago
 - Recommendations last given to board as result of master plan update
 - The Vo-Tech committee recommendations to the board
 - The strategic advisory committee report
- 2.12 There was also a request from Walt Sullivan to find out the enrollment of the other “schools” in Carson City – to include faith based, home schooling, charter schools and others. We will provide this information at the next Master Plan Committee
- 2.13 *The following was the tentative sub-committee meeting dates, times and locations – however make sure and contract your sub-committee chairperson for exact date, times and locations. We will post this information on the website once received from the subcommittees*
- **Educational Programs** – Wednesday Dec. 16th – 5:30 (I believe this is now at Gleason)
 - **Facilities** – Thursday Dec. 17th – 11:30 am – at District Office
 - **Community Relations** – will convene at next regularly scheduled Master Plan committee meeting date (1/14/10)
 - **Finance** – January 7th and 21st – at 2:00 pm – location TBD – but assumed at District Office

Next regular scheduled Master Plan Committee meeting is (Thursday - January 14th, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided and will be held in the same location, District Office Board Room.

Thanks for all whom attended and committed their time and efforts to this extremely important process for the future of the CCSD.

Cc: Committee Members
 Website – www.carsoncityschools.com/masterplan