

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANNING STAFF WORKING GROUP**

There was a meeting of the Indian River County Public School Planning Staff Working Group (SWG) on Thursday, February 14, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room A1-411, County Administration Building "A" of the County Administration Building, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Those present were: **Robert Keating**, Director, IRC Planning Division; **Stan Boling**, Director, IRC Community Development; **Jason Nunemaker**, City Manager, City of Fellsmere; **Scott Sanders**, Director of Facilities Planning & Construction; **Richard Jefferson**, Town Manager, Town of Indian River Shores; and **Carol Johnson**, Indian River County School Board and **Dorri Bosworth**, City of Sebastian, Zoning Technician

Absent was: **Timothy McGarry**, Planning Director, City of Vero Beach; and **Carter Morrison**, Indian River County School Board. (All Unexcused)

Staff present: Recording Secretary **Laura E. Vasquez**, Commissioner Assistant, District 2.

Call to Order

Mr. Stan Boling, IRC Planning Director, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2012

ON MOTION by Mrs. Johnson, SECONDED by Mr. Nunemaker, the members voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the minutes of March 23, 2012 as presented.

Review of 2011/2012 School Concurrency Assessment Report and Excerpts from 2012/2013 Work Plan

Mr. Boling referred to the Indian River County Annual School Concurrency Assessment Report for 2011/2012 included in the agenda packet and on file in the Commission Office. He said the report was available on the County website under Community Development.

Mr. Boling said over the next five years into 2017 was generally "flat" with a small decline at the time the report was furnished. Mr. Boling referenced and gave brief overview of tables 1 through 5:

Table 1
Capacity Changes during First 3 Years of Proposed 2013-2017 5 Year Facilities Plan

Existing Schools	New Schools	Additions/ Major Renovations	Closures	Net Change	Year
Fellsmere Elem	N/A	Cafeteria and classroom additions	N/A	+190	2014
Vero Beach Elem	N/A	Replacement on site	N/A	+191	2012
Sebastian River HS	N/A	Freshman Learning center	N/A	+570	2012

Table 2
Historic & Actual Non-Charter Enrollment 2003-2012

	K-5	Middle	High	Total	Annual Change
2003	6,984	3,798	4,605	15,387	545
2004	7,166	3,825	4,845	15,836	449
2005	7,710	3,759	4,830	16,299	463
2006	7,624	3,847	4,851	16,322	23
2007	7,653	3,834	4,885	16,372	50
2008	7,258	3,847	4,838	15,943	-429
2009	7,230	3,817	4,799	15,846	-97
2010	7,265	3,818	4,546	15,629	-217
*2011	7,193	3,756	4,608	15,556	-73
*2012	7,270	3,636	4,657	15,563	7

*Table 2 shows actual enrollment for 2011 and 2012, while Tables 3, 4, and 5 show what the forecasted figures were for 2011 and 2012.

Table 3
Elementary Non-Charter School Total Enrollment & Net Change 2011-2017

*2011	7,193	-72
*2012	7,270	+77
2013	7,032	-238
2014	7,038	+6
2015	6,960	-78
2016	6,950	-10
2017	6,959	+9

For the elementary school enrollment forecast, the school district has assumed that there will be little or no new housing development during the next two years. Consequently, the district forecasts that there will be overall decreases between 2013 and 2017.

Table 4
Middle Non-Charter School Total Enrollment & Net Change 2011-2017

*2011	3,756	-62
*2012	3,636	-120
2013	3,689	+53
2014	3,542	-147
2015	3,462	-80
2016	3,320	-142
2017	3,288	-32

Currently, the school district forecasts that middle school enrollment for the 2013 - 2017 period will decrease overall.

Table 5
High Non-Charter School Total Enrollment & Net Change 2011-2017

*2011	4,608	+62
*2012	4,657	+49
2013	4,368	-289
2014	4,248	-120
2015	4,117	-131
2016	4,061	-56
2017	3,958	-103

Generally, high school projections are impacted more by the size of the incoming 9th grade than by new housing. For that reason, high schools may show a decline in enrollment as some smaller classes move through the grades and graduate. Given current economic and housing conditions, high school enrollment is forecast to decrease overall during the 2013 – 2017 period.

In summary, the local enrollment forecast predicts that there will be overall decreases occurring from 2013 through 2017.

Discussion on Maintaining Adopted School Level of Service (LOS)

Mr. Scott Sanders first discussed capacity-producing projects. And indicated Fellsmere Elementary currently had 15 portables. He said the permanent capacity for Fellsmere Elementary would be 750 students, but would not increase the enrollment; it was housing the students in a better fashion.

Mr. Sanders stated in the near future there would be construction of a portable kitchen. He said there would need to be modifications because it was not typical use for a portable. He said property across the street from the school would be cleared and would be housed there.

Mr. Sanders stated the School District had an agreement with the City of Fellsmere that a portion of the drainage would be housed off site on the City’s property. He said the project was projected to be completed by the summer of 2014.

City Manager Jason Nunemaker stated there would be a 50/50 shared capacity for the drainage. He said the property that was being used was acquired from the

Historical Society that housed the Marion Fell Library. He said it fits in with the Inter Local Agreement (ILA) because the entire area would be a common education like campus. He said there was vacant property just north and was hoping to situate other historical buildings.

Mr. Sanders stated Treasure Coast Elementary was undergoing an increase in capacity. Mr. Sanders there were concreteables as well as portables. He said there were 9 portables. He said the portables were housing students while they built. He said the project would rehabilitate the existing 8 concreteables and the campus capacity would go up to 750 students.

Mr. Sanders stated the architect was chosen and would be meeting with him. He said there would be permanent plans by next week. He said it was funded with federal dollars that had to be spent by the end of the year. He said the construction company was Proctor Construction Company.

Mr. Sanders stated the Sebastian River High Freshman Learning Center did not increase in capacity but added permanent space where 19 portables were taken out and gave the students a hard classroom which was more energy efficient. The project was completed. He said the main problem was the size of the cafeteria and to add permanent classrooms. He said the architect was putting together some different scenarios of placement because there was confinement of space. He said with the ratio of students to space, it was recommended the cafeteria be 65' feet wide. He said they were in the planning phase and would come back in a month or so with a couple of conceptals to evaluate.

Mr. Sanders stated Beachland Elementary would not be increased in capacity. He said in some point in time the size of the cafeteria would be increased. He said during the summer of 2013 the traffic loop being built. He said they hoped create stacking capacity on the campus.

Update on Other Projects

Mr. Sanders stated the old Osceola site was demolished. He said he was in talks with the City of Vero Beach and St. John's Water Management to turn the site into a joint use storm water track.

Mr. Sanders stated the new Osceola site was completed except for the cafeteria expansion which was under construction. He said the grand opening for the school was approximately in May 2013.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the public School Planning Staff Working Group (PSPSWG) will be on Friday, March 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.