

Summary of Pinellas Schools collaborative
Meeting on September 4, 2013

The meeting was held on Wednesday, September 4, 2013, 9:00 A.M., in the Planning Department Conference Room. Those in attendance were:

Members Present:

Carole Cook	Pinellas County School Board
Peggy O'Shea	Pinellas County School Board

Members Absent:

Susan Latvala	Pinellas County Commissioner (Chairman)
Robert Murray	City of Largo
Joe Ayoub	City of Safety Harbor
John Counts	City of Seminole
Bill Dudley	City of St. Petersburg
Jerry Mullins	City of Pinellas Park
Carol Reynolds	City of Madeira Beach
Susan Slattery	City of Tarpon Springs
Paul Gibson	City of Clearwater
Julie Bujalski	City of Dunedin
Mary Stull	City of Gulfport
Linda Norris	City of Oldsmar

Others Present:

Sarah Ward	Pinellas County MPO
Gina Harvey	Pinellas County MPO
Carlyon Kuntz	Pinellas County MPO
Ryan Brinson	Pinellas County Planning Department
David Sadowsky	Pinellas County Attorney Office
Robert C. Davis	Pinellas County DEI – Traffic
Joe Incorvia	City of Pinellas Park
Mike Burke	Pinellas County School District (Transportation)
Marshall Touchton	Pinellas County School District
Michael Bessette	Pinellas County School District

1. Call to Order

Vice chair and School Board Member Carole Cook called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Discussion of the Pinellas County School Board's Proposed Five-Year Facilities Work Program for FY 2013/14 Through 2017/18

Ryan Brinson with the Pinellas County Planning Department provided a brief staff summary of the key changes between last year's Work Program and the one that is proposed for this year. He pointed out that the design phase for Largo High's replacement/rebuild is scheduled to occur this fiscal year and the expected completion date for the project is slated for the 2015/16 fiscal year. Michael Bessette with the School District provided some further details and clarification on the project, indicating that the design would take roughly a year to complete and that a temporary "portable campus" would be constructed for the next school year to accommodate the students. Demolition of the existing campus would take place shortly after the "portable campus" is constructed. Mr. Bessette also mentioned that the School District has acquired all but one property (the sub shop) to the south of the school, between 2nd and 1st Avenue Northeast, so that the temporary "portable campus" could be constructed.

Ryan concluded the item by mentioning that the proposed Work Program did not contain any school closures and that two additional Charter Schools were added; bringing the total number of Charter Schools in the County to 22 for this school year.

3. Other Items

Ms. Cook asked if there were any other items or business for the Collaborative to consider. School Board Member, Peggy O'Shea inquired about the notification process of proposed Countywide Future Land Use Plan (FLUP) Map amendments, since the School Board will no longer have a membership on the Pinellas Planning Council (PPC) once they officially merge with the MPO. Ms. O'Shea wanted to make sure that local governments coordinate/notify the District in advance of proposed rezoning and land use amendments that increase residential densities.

Marshall Touchton, the School District's Demographer, mentioned that a few cities have been in contact with the District recently on a handful of larger residential developments to verify that there was enough student capacity within the immediate area and within the larger scope of the School Planning Area. Mr. Touchton indicated that in past years he worked closely with local governments to estimate the number of potential students using the student yield factor rate, which is located

on the County's Planning Department's website at:
<http://www.pinellascounty.org/Plan/public-schools.htm#resources>.

Sarah Ward with the Pinellas County MPO asked Ms. O'Shea if she had an opportunity to speak with the Planning Council about her concerns. Ms. O'Shea mentioned that she had plans to follow-up but wanted share her thoughts with the Collaborative first. Mr. Touchton also mentioned that he sits on the Planners Advisory Committee (PAC), which reviews and makes recommendations on proposed Countywide FLUP Map amendments prior to the PPC's review and recommendation to the Countywide Planning Authority (CPA).

Ryan Brinson also mentioned that according to Florida Statutes (**163.3174**) that local governments are required to include a representative from the School District on their Local Planning Agency (LPA) and that the revised Public Schools Interlocal Agreement (ILA) signed last year (**Section 3. Coordination and Sharing of Information**), requires all local governments to coordinate and inform the School District of all rezoning and land use amendments that would increase residential densities. The Public Schools ILA is located on the County's Planning Department's website at: http://www.pinellascounty.org/Plan/pdf_files/1906_IA.pdf

Mr. Bessette mentioned that he only sits on the County's LPA (for the unincorporated areas only) and regularly receives the meeting agendas.

Ms. O'Shea stressed the importance of receiving advance notification and mentioned that it might be a good idea for the District to track local government LPA and Board agendas regularly.

On a final note, Ms. Ward mentioned that staff would follow-up with the PPC regarding Ms. O'Shea's membership question and try to work on a possible solution.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.