



AGENDA

SCHOOL PLANNING WORK GROUP

**Meeting Location: Swisher Building
509 East Avenue S., Clearwater
February 28, 2006, at 1:30pm**

- ✓ Welcome and Introductions
- ✓ Minutes of January 31, 2006 Meeting
- ✓ Level of Service Standards and Service Areas
- ✓ Status of School Concurrency Exemption Applications
- ✓ Next Meeting Date



MEETING SUMMARY

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Welcome and Introductions

Gordon Beardslee welcomed everyone to the School Planning Work Group, asked everyone to sign the sign-in sheet, and then introductions were made around the table.

Marshall Touchton asked to make a quick clarification regarding the inclusion of portable classrooms in the FISH calculations, noting that they are included under certain circumstances.

Level of Service (LOS) Standards and Service Areas

Gordon reviewed the School Board's proposal for LOS stating that they are looking at forming a district-wide LOS which will be further refined by attendance area. They will determine the LOS once per year based on the district's FISH capacity. The goal for FISH capacity is to equal 100% of the actual enrollment. The School Board plans to use the Palm Beach County model as a basis for developing their school capacity model. Jim Underhill stated that this method may be altered if they find a better way to do this. Marshall Touchton stated that they will probably move away from the one district approach for high schools in the future, and make multiple districts similar to the present middle school districts. Gordon stated that the proposal by the School Board would need to accommodate this predicted change. Jim stated that the boundaries are legally set, and Gordon replied that criteria/procedures would therefore need to be developed for modifying the boundaries if necessary.

Jim stated that program capacity is usually less than FISH capacity. Marshall added that although some schools' operating capacity is greater than their program capacity, they still meet FISH capacity. Cities will use FISH capacity to determine the LOS, not program capacity. Jim stated that the cities will use 100% FISH capacity, and if they get to a point where they would be hitting their limits, a capacity study would be proposed, similar to Palm Beach County. Ron Pianta asked what their obligation is when they go to approve residential development permits. Steve Fairchild suggested that the local governments advise the School Board of new housing units and land use changes greater than approximately fifty units so that the School Board can assess the impacts on the attendance area. The School Board can then tell them how many students that development would potentially generate. Gordon reminded everyone that State law allows that when looking at capacity, you look at contiguous service areas if you start to get close to your district's LOS. Gordon stated that we should write this into the LOS Standards. Depending on the location of the municipality, they could potentially be looking at the capacity of the entire county. Marshall stated the triggers for sending development and/or land use applications to the School Board are size and proximity to existing facilities. Jim added conversions of land use to a greater residential intensity.

Bob Bray asked that the School Board provide some definitive method of calculating potential students for residential developments because the municipalities will have to defend these numbers against challenges by developers. Jim Underhill stated that there is a process where developers would have the opportunity to meet with the School Board to discuss their project and its potential impacts if they desire to do so. Bob asked this be clearly stated in the LOSS process. Gordon also stated we need too think about whether projects that might be vested or exempt. The size of the development would have to be huge in order to tip the scales to where the aggregate capacity of the schools in the area would be affected. Jim Underhill stated that the FISH capacity is assessed once per year and is used for school choice calculations. Marshall Touchton stated the School Board can create an annual report on school capacity, with each jurisdiction broken out, and publish it on their website to provide information for each municipality to reference. This can be done around November each year. The question was asked as to whether the School board was certain that the number of students is going down overall; Marshall reaffirmed this.

Ron Pianta asked about proposing a mechanism for proportionate “fair share” mitigation measures. Gordon replied that DCA’s consultant is looking into this but nothing will be ready until around April when the pilot Interlocal Agreements (ILA’s) come out.

Gordon reviewed the tasks that need to be done before the next meeting. (1) The procedures for implementing items one through five and item seven of the “Requirements of Subsection 163.3180(13)(g)” memo, handed out previously, will need to be incorporated into the ILA, as well as some of the easier changes which he can roll into a draft updated ILA for the next meeting. (2) Item six, uniform district-wide procedures and implementation, will need to be addressed next. Gordon suggested using the 1906 Committee structure to implement all of this once the element is adopted.

Status of School Concurrency Exemption Applications

Liz Freeman stated that they had compiled a list of the municipalities that were likely to be exempt from the concurrency requirements and expect to have all of the necessary forms filled out within the next few weeks.

Next Meeting Date

After discussion, it was decided we would meet on Monday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m. .