Budget Planning Committee (BPC)
Thursday, October 16, 2014
3:00 p.m.
Board room
Final
Summary Notes

MEMBERS PRESENT
Sue Alton, Doug Edgmon (phone), Tami Engman (phone), Chris Gaines,
Angelina Hill, Lee Lindsey, Crystal Morse, Tami Matsumoto (phone),
Steven Roper, and Lorie Walsh.

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by co-chair Michael Dennis.

ACTION APPROVE SUMMARY NOTES
The summary notes from May 29, 2014 and September 17, 2014 were
approved with recommended changes. The final drafts of these meeting
notes are posted on the BPC website.

APPROVE COMMITTEE CHARGE AND STRUCTURE (FPC, TPC, BPC)
There was discussion regarding the committee structure and charge. Mr. Lindsey
stated that due to the current status of the Mendocino Center and not having CR
faculty or students at that location it is not necessary to have committee
representation from that area. It was suggested that it be specified that one
representative to the FPC and TPC subcommittees be from Del Norte. It was also
suggested to reorder the committee charge so that item #4 becomes item #1 and
the remaining items be moved to logistics.

RECOMMENDATION ON VACANT/ABANDONED BUILDINGS
Mr. Lindsey reported that there was an Open Forum on October 14, 2014 to
discuss the future of the old Science and Humanities buildings and gather
feedback. He noted that there was discussion regarding the possibility of
demolishing these buildings and there was no opposition by those in attendance. A
suggestion was made to return the space that would be vacated by demolishing the
buildings to “green space”.

Vice President Lindsey noted that the buildings are currently vacant and in poor
repair. However, they must be maintained at a minimum level which results in a
financial drain on the district. For instance if the HVAC system or the roof failed
the repairs would be quite costly. He also noted that although the space is not
occupied the square footage is calculated by the state and is included in the
district’s space inventory. The extra square footage is a liability for CR, when
asking for any additional funding from state

Mr. Lindsey stated that there is currently $750,000 budgeted to renovate or tear
down these two buildings and based on a preliminary estimate from a few years
ago it will take that entire amount to demolish them. PS/LS have science lab
classrooms with specialized equipment in them – so it is much more costly to
convert/renovate those buildings into rental office space. There has not been any
interest in utilizing this space for offices

VP Lindsey acknowledged that, previously, community members expressed
concern about altering the “look” of CR from HWY 101, but PS/LS are far to left
and in the trees, so demolition of PS/LS would not affect the “view" much at all.
Mr. Lindsey asked the committee to make a recommendation to President Smith to demolish the old science and humanities buildings. A roll call vote was taken and those in attendance by phone and in person (see members present) unanimously approved the recommendation to the president. Mr. Lindsey stated that if the president approves the recommendation the next step will be to consult with legal counsel to make sure that all the necessary steps and procedures are followed.

He also stated that when the contractor is identified for the demolition of the buildings it will be written into the contract for as much of the materials as possible to be recycled.

RECOMMENDATION ON STADIUM

Mr. Lindsey reported that a recent study done by Keenan and Associates determined that the stadium and bleachers are currently unsafe an Open Forum was held to gather feedback on September 16, 2014.

He noted that the cantilever roof is of the highest concern, but the remainder of the stadium is also in poor repair. He noted that the state does not fund construction on sports stadiums and Measure Q cannot be used to make the repairs.

Mr. Lindsey stated that currently there is no budget allocated in the general fund to tear down the stadium, but this committee did hold off on allocating $550,000 in Measure Q funding until this fall. Mr. Lindsey asked the committee to make a recommendation to President Smith to allocate $375,000 from the remaining $550,000 to remove the stadium hazard. A roll call vote was taken and all those in attendance by phone and in person (see members present) unanimously approved the recommendation to the president.

DEL NORTE SCIENCE WING

Mr. Lindsey reported that there have been several Open Forums to gather feedback regarding upgrades and renovations to the Del Norte Science wing. Guy Fryer, Architect with Siskiyou Design Group was present at the most recent Open Forum to field questions.

Mr. Lindsey reported that estimates for a modular building and a newly constructed “stick” building are about the same, $1.2M each. He noted that this price is higher than expected and we had hoped to get the entire project done for that amount. He also noted the cost of a modular is so high because it comes in pieces that are a certain size and we would be paying for more square footage than we actually need. Another reason for the increased cost is the due to building code changes for instance to bathrooms and fire alarm systems.

Mr. Lindsey stated that the next step is for Mr. Fryer to try to get the price down on the modular building, but if he can’t we may go with a newly constructed building. Also, an effort will be made to get some of the costs down on the instructional equipment and there may be some extra equipment at the Eureka campus that can be moved up to Del Norte.

Mr. Lindsey noted that when he hears back from the architect a meeting will be scheduled to relay any information to staff and faculty regarding the final plans for this project.

UPDATING

There was discussion regarding the need to update the Facilities and Technology
plans. Mr. Lindsey stated that the Facilities Plan is grossly out of alignment with reality (2009). An interim Facilities Plan was done and it is not so out of alignment. It was reported that a one year Technology Plan is being finalized. When the Education Master Plan is finalized new Facilities and Technology Plans will be written. In the meantime we will have the interim plans.

ADJOURNED 4:30 p.m. / Submitted lw