Long-Range Planning Committee Meeting Minutes 3/1/21

Called to order at 7:06pm

Attending were: Katrin Kasper, Denise Day, Heather Smith, Robert Mohr, David Taylor, Erik Ickes, Kent Kasper

Katrin discussed the birth numbers coming in hopefully by tomorrow. Denise said that by the middle to end of the month we should have kindergarten enrollments.

Denise also shared the extensive copy of the district map. We can now very clearly see where the lines for each school are drawn.

We then discussed different things we could look into such as building permits, housing starts, and other data. Heather pointed out that unless we saw how they would directly effect the data it might not be helpful. Robert pointed out that unless we had 10-15 years of past data as well it would not help immediately. We decided to see what we could find that included last data and see if it effected the model.

We also decided each year to have one slide committed to the unique changes in the school district that year, such as a large new apartment complex that might turn previous student apartments back into single family homes, or a retirement community that might change a home previously occupied by one or two people into a family home once someone moved to the retirement community, or a drastic decline in the birth rate. Those things could be pointed out and possible projections offered.

We then discussed how to transfer the data to Microsoft teams and Share Point. Our next meeting will be used to work out the bugs on that platform and attempt to transfer the model to share point. The goal will be to have it set up so that anyone could input data and the model will work for them. It will take some work since previously the regression was entered by hand each year.

Our next meeting will be March 15th at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.