

July 25, 2018 SPAC Meeting Minutes

- Mr. McNeill, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.
- Introductions were made.
- Mr. McNeill opened the meeting with information on the following:
 - The new school recommendation.
 - He met with Sandy Hollinger, Karen Clarke and Donna Jones to discuss what their ideas are for SPACs responsibility now, discussed the ideal size for elementary schools in terms of where the breakeven point is, cost effectiveness, and student allocation.
 - What is the ideal size of a school for social, emotional and intellect for students?
 - School lines and zoning.
- Mr. Boles made an observation about the size of elementary schools and economy purposes, somewhere around 700 students is typical.
- There was discussion on the minimum student stations for cost effectiveness, for elementary 400 student stations is the minimum, and the maximum is 700 - 800.
- The June 27, 2018 meeting minutes were approved. No comments or changes were made.
- Ms. Wynn mentioned that internally we've started conversations with Curriculum to have them start thinking creatively about programming. As we go forward with these projects what happens inside is also important, we're looking at collaborative classroom designs.
- Ms. Banko asked how long Seminole County has had the sales tax, and how many schools have been redesigned. Ms. Wynn will get that information.
- Mr. Castine spoke about curriculum and design being important.
- Ms. Wynn spoke about the pilot programs that we are working on at a couple of our middle schools with collaborative classroom furniture designs.
- Ms. Sarit Sela introduced herself, she is an architect with the City of Gainesville. She was sitting in for Dan Hoffman, Asst. City Manager.
- Mr. McNeill reminded everyone that DOE has the new school listed for a maximum of 773 student stations.

- Mr. McNeill brought Ms. Sela up to speed on what SPAC has been working on, and what they are currently doing.
- The next community forums will be held on August 8, 2018 at Ft. Clarke Middle School Cafeteria from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., and August 9, 2018 at Oak View Middle School Cafeteria from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Preliminary project ideas were offered by the SPAC for the Alachua County Public Schools staff to consider, including:
 - Closing Rawlings
 - Combining Rawlings and Metcalfe
 - Having the arts program at Metcalfe
 - Coming up with a new curriculum in terms of a Montessori model at a redeveloped Metcalfe
 - Turn Rawlings into a head start center & pre school
 - Making J.J. Finley and A.Q. Jones sister schools, Finley K-2 and A.Q. Jones could be redesigned for grades 3 - 5
- Ms. Wynn reminded everyone what SPAC's responsibility is, and briefed everyone on the conditions of our schools, and the castaldi report results and limitations on demolishing school buildings.
- There was discussion of the importance of coordination between Alachua County Public Schools, Alachua County, and all of our Cities, especially City of Gainesville (CoG) because we have so many of our schools within the CoG city limits.
- Kelly with DRMP went over the student population centroid of Alachua County and how it continues to move south and west since the beginning of our data analysis which began in 2015.
- Ms. Sela mentioned that growth may shift to the east with the East Gainesville redevelopment.
- The sales tax initiative was discussed, what happens if it doesn't pass, and how the funds will be used?
- Ms. Spurling-Wood spoke about energy savings and how the ice system may not be cost effective for our schools.
- Ms. Banko asked for a starting point and what the committee needs to look at next. Ms. Wynn responded that we will have a better idea when we get the cost estimates.

- Mr. White discussed how the priority of projects should be listed, and how everyone should get something from the sales tax. Ms. Sela suggested that we leave the list of projects open ended.
- Ms. Banko asked, from a facilities stand point what do we do with the uncertainty of Terwilliger, and the Impact of 7069 law? Mr. White stated that we can't answer right now. He stated we will reserve dollars, and see how the school does this 2018-2019 school year.
- Ms. Wynn responded that we still need to protect our assets, just like we did with Hawthorne roof this previous 2017-2018 school year.
- Mr. Mason gave the group an update of the program and a tour of the Santa Fe Charles R. Perry Construction Institute facility.
- The next meeting will be August 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Sivia Center.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.