

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #34
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SOUTH CAMPUS BOARD ROOM
MINUTES

Date: February 1, 2014

Members present: Cole, Handy, Hays, Alexander, Spann, Worth

Person taking minutes: Marica Cullen

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President Cole called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board member Dan Nichols was unable to attend due to a long-standing out of town commitment for another service organization.

President Cole supplied a brief overview of differences between long range and strategic planning and emphasized the day's work is focused on long range planning. Board members were asked to think in terms of 3, 5 and 10 year visions of what they might want the North Mac District to become and the skills we would want our graduates to possess.

Board members discussed several open-ended questions to begin the work session. Questions included: What do we want a North Mac graduate to know and be able to do? What are the strengths of the District today? What are weaknesses of the schools and in the community?

Work continued with a focus on the uncertainty of state and federal funding to secure long-term financial stability for the District and included concerns surrounding the loss of local business and property value.

Strategies to attract more families to the District and further strengthen the curricular and activities offerings for students were also generated in the discussions.

Several Board members brought up the success of the Community Forums held in December 2013 and requested more be held as the District moves forward. President Cole explained community forums and public meetings could be part of either long-range planning or strategic planning as the Board wished.

The meeting concluded with contributions from all members as to the strengths and challenges of the community and district and planning for future work.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.