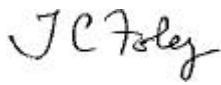


COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AGENDA TITLE: B. F. Yancey Elementary School Community Use	AGENDA DATE: April 2, 2014
SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Status update of community use at B. F. Yancey Elementary School	ACTION: X INFORMATION:
STAFF CONTACT(S): Foley, Walker, Davis, Crickenberger	CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION: INFORMATION:
PRESENTER (S): Bob Crickenberger	ATTACHMENTS: Yes
LEGAL REVIEW: Yes	REVIEWED BY: 

BACKGROUND:

On December 13, 2012, the Board of Supervisors and the School Board approved the charter for a work group (Attachment A) whose members were to be appointed by the County Executive and Superintendent of Schools. The purpose of the work group was to explore and recommend potential community - wide use of B.F. Yancey Elementary School to serve the southern Albemarle community. The charter for the work group identified the following "Primary Objectives of the Work Group":

1. Identify service needs of the southern Albemarle community including review of existing needs assessments and other data compiled by the County and other community partners over the past 5 -10 years.
2. Develop recommendations for enhanced use of the school building. Ideas for strategies might include first identifying how much and what kind of space may be available, identifying any restrictions on the use within the building and identifying activities/programs that are aligned with continuing the building as an elementary school.
3. Identify other individuals, entities, and/or organizations already engaged in or interested in enhanced service delivery, and to determine feasibility for public/private partnerships to support program development.
4. Conduct research into best practice models where successful programs or uses have been identified and implemented.
5. Research avenues of possible funding support for model programs, including foundations with interest in enhanced service delivery in settings such as the Yancey Elementary School.

On December 12, 2013, the attached Final Report of the Yancey Work Group (Attachment B) was presented to the Board of Supervisors and the School Board. Recommendations were discussed and the Board directed staff to bring back an update of community use, programming and opportunities.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal 1: Provide excellent educational opportunities to all Albemarle County residents.

Goal 2: Provide community facilities that meet existing and future needs.

Goal 5: Ensure the health and safety of the community.

Goal 6: Promote individual responsibility and citizen ownership of community challenges.

DISCUSSION:

Members of the Yancey Work Group have met regularly since April 2013 to accomplish the above objectives. As a result of their work, the following services have been implemented at Yancey Elementary School:

- *Quick Start Tennis* –Basic tennis for adults and children of all ages sponsored by a QuickStart Tennis Grant.
- *Introduction to Computers* – Beginner class for adults to learn and/or improve computer skills in partnership with Adult Education.
- *Baby Steps* – Drop-in playgroup for infants to school-age children in partnerships with Club Yancey, Southern Albemarle Intergenerational Community, organized community volunteers and the Southern Albemarle Family Practice.
- *Open Gym* – Open on weekends to all ages in partnership with the Albemarle County Parks and Recreation Department.
- *Cyber Sundays* – Community Internet access in the school in partnership with the Southern Albemarle Intergenerational Community Committee and Club Yancey.

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- *Reading, Writing, or Speaking English* – The Literacy Volunteers of Charlottesville/Albemarle has partnered with Yancey Elementary and Club Yancey.
- *Social Services Day* - Dedicated days and times to provide resource and benefit information to the community in partnership with the Albemarle County Department of Social Services.
- *Open Doors Learning Catalog* (Attachment C) - An informational publication of ongoing activities at Yancey and community events throughout southern Albemarle in partnerships with Community Education, Yancey Elementary and Club Yancey.
- *Veggie Village at Yancey* – Grant awarded to Club Yancey by Quick Start Tennis and Piedmont Master Gardens that provides Club Yancey afterschool program participants with the opportunity to enhance their gardening skills and harvest their own vegetables.
- *Club Yancey partnering with the Thomas Jefferson Gardening Club* to grow flowers and make landscape improvements to the school.
- *Weekly reading and one-on-one tutoring* in partnership with Club Yancey and volunteers from the Jefferson Area Board for Aging (JABA) and the Scottsville JABA Senior Center.

Additional action steps and program elements supported by the members of the Yancey Work Group that are currently scheduled or proceeding are as follows:

- Establish B.F.Yancey as an Intergenerational Education Learning Center for southern Albemarle.
- Continuation of the Parks and Recreation partnership.
- Expanding JABA programming to include additional learning opportunities for all ages.
- In partnership with JABA, applying for a VDOE 21st century community center grants that supports Club Yancey.
- April 16 - Community Expo – Introduction of the New Yancey Community Center through presentations from students, community organizations and other community resources.
- April 19 - Community Egg Hunt.
- FY 2014/15 approved Capital Facility Improvements - Land purchase, new septic system and roof replacement totaling \$1,119,066.00.

Further, the members of the Yancey Work Group recommend the following additional actions:

1. The County Executive and Superintendent of Schools appoint the Yancey Work Group as the Yancey Advisory Panel for Intergenerational Programming for southern Albemarle and establish its continuing function by charter.
2. The School Board dedicate funding for Club Yancey to support the salary of a Director and to expand and facilitate intergenerational programming. The School Board, pursuant to 26 USC § 170 (c) (1), can accept tax deductible charitable contributions designated to support Club Yancey.
3. Funding of an additional \$10,000.00 to be used for Club Yancey for personnel and space cost for youth and adult intergenerational educational programs throughout the school day in addition to after school, evenings and weekends.
4. The Board of Supervisors and School Board authorize a letter of endorsement and financial commitment (Attachment D) to be used in the solicitation of grant opportunities that encourage private and public partnerships.
5. The County staff and Long Range Planning Committee continue to partner with the Yancey Advisory Panel in identifying existing facility needs and attain design and cost estimate for future facility needs for intergenerational educational programs throughout the school day in addition to after school, evenings and weekends for southern Albemarle.

In partnership with B. F. Yancey Elementary School, Club Yancey, the Yancey Work Group and community volunteers providing intergenerational programming and services to the citizens of southern Albemarle, County and School Division staff have provided in-kind staff and program support in excess of \$38,000.00 since April, 2013. Part of this contribution was in the form of Parks and Recreation staff supervision of the Open Gym on weekends from January through March of 2014 with funds available in the Parks and Recreation FY14 budget for programs. This support enabled the school to be open for non-school purposes with Parks and Recreation paying the cost of the gym supervisor. B.F. Yancey School also benefits from the Family Support program through the the Albemarle County Department of Social Services. This support is on-going and is valued at approximately \$34,000 annually.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Members of the Yancey Work Group have expressed an interest in continuing four hours of community-based programming each weekend and have requested the Board's consideration of funding support in FY14 and FY15 for this purpose. The cost to use the school for four hours of weekend programming through Parks and Recreation would be \$115 per weekend. That level of support would translate to \$1,495.00 for the remainder of FY14, and \$5,980 for FY15. It is assumed that only the \$28.75/hour Custodial Fee would be assessed by the School Division and that the \$17.25 Use Fee would be waived. If the Board supports either request, it is suggested that it consider the use of Reserve for Contingencies for the FY14 portion and either identify one-time funding for FY15 or support an increase in the FY15 General Fund Budget for Parks and Recreation in an amount necessary to cover the cost as described.

Further, as indicated above, members of the Yancey Work Group have also expressed an interest in \$10,000 to be used for Club Yancey for personnel and space cost for youth and adult intergenerational educational programs throughout the school day in addition to after school, evenings and weekends. If the Board supports such a request at this time, it is suggested that one-time money be identified in FY14 or FY15 for this purpose and that the matter be revisited as an on-going operating expense as part of the upcoming 5-year Financial Plan discussion.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Direct staff to work with the members of the Yancey Work Group to draft a Charter for the establishment of a Yancey Advisory Panel for Intergenerational Programming as a way to guide the on-going work of the community stakeholders regarding the community use of the Yancey School. It is understood that the Charter would also be submitted to the School Board for its consideration
2. Authorize the attached letter of endorsement (Attachment D)
3. Direct staff regarding any support for additional funding for weekend programming through Parks and Recreation and/or additional funding for support of Club Yancey as described hereinabove.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A – [Yancey School Work Group Charter](#)
- B – [Final report of the Yancey Work Group](#)
- C – [Yancey Learning Catalog](#)
- D – [Letter of Endorsement](#)

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