

**Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan  
Education Partnership Group Meeting  
May 14, 2009**

Meeting attendees:

- Jim Felice, Widefield School District 3
- Kate Hatten, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
- Doug Jeavons, BBC Research & Consulting
- Dave Roudebush, Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8
- Cyndy Scriven, Fremont County School District Re-2
- Shirley Swope, Peak Parent Center
- Darryl Webb, Hanover School District 28
- Sarah White, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
- Jason Wilkinson, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

**Phase 2 Update**

A brief recap of the April 15 CDMC meeting was provided. It was noted that data gathering continues to be the key focus of the Growth Plan at this point in time. PPACG, BBC, and Fort Carson are working to obtain better detail on the soldiers and family members coming from Fort Hood and we are working with Evans Army Community Hospital to obtain more detailed information, particularly regarding the ages of the children and those enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program. It was also noted that, of the over 3,000 soldiers expected to in-process between now and August, the majority (approximately 2,300) will arrive in July and August. At that point, the 4<sup>th</sup> ID headquarters and 1<sup>st</sup> BCT are expected to be at about 70% strength.

Doug Jeavons provided an overview of the Mountain Post Welcome survey effort at Fort Hood. He provided preliminary data from the surveys (please see the attached), indicating that we received 677 responses. 53% of the soldiers have children, and 82% indicated that they will be bringing their families with them to Fort Carson. BBC is working on compiling more detailed information from the survey and will report that information when available. The group requested that presenting information on children by age, rather than by age groupings, would be beneficial.

Dave Roudebush noted that soldiers and family members who attended the Mountain Post Welcome were appreciative of the region's efforts to provide them with information. Many were not aware of the large number of school districts in the Fort Carson area and still have not made housing decisions.

**State/Federal Issues**

Kate Hatten indicated that OEA's Project Needs Assessment (PNA) team is scheduled to meet with us on June 11. Kate will forward meeting details to those entities that have submitted projects requesting federal funding. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide OEA with additional information regarding the submitted projects.

**Other Business**

It was noted that many districts in the region have had to lay off teachers because of current economic/budgetary conditions. Therefore, it appears that many qualified teachers may be available if districts need to increase staffs in response to an influx of Fort Carson families.

It was also noted that, because the state legislature has eliminated second count day funding, districts will not obtain any funding for students who arrive after October 1. Therefore, it is hoped that most of the Fort Carson students will arrive prior to October 1.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Because of the OEA PNA Team visit on June 11, the Education Partnership Group will not meet until July 9. Any additional information obtained will be shared with the group via e-mail.

The CDMC will meet as scheduled on Wednesday, June 17 at 3:00pm

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.