

CITIZEN PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
January 5, 2009
MEETING SUMMARY

Subcommittee Work

The Education and Transportation subcommittees met separately from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The Boundaries and Enrollment Subcommittee did not meet this evening.

General Meeting

Laura Barnes-Johnson, CPC Chair, welcomed everyone and wished them a Happy New Year!

Subcommittee Reports

Education – Co Chairs, Jason Strayer and Lisa Speer

- Jason Strayer reported that the subcommittee has been focusing on the frequency of progress reporting. After reviewing the timing of current progress reporting and the many factors involved in that process, the committee has determined that the current schedule is adequate and the best schedule to meet the needs of both parents and teachers. They will be asking for latitude from the School Board to further study the challenge of getting information to parents without impacting staff workloads. Their current focus will be to make sure that all parents know the grade-level expectations of students so that they can determine how their student is performing and ways to identify struggling students.
- The subcommittee also brainstormed ideas at the end of the meeting on ways to provide non-student instructional days for teachers in an alternative calendar.

Transportation – Chair, Darylyn Phraner

Darylyn Phraner thanked Brian Furby for running the subcommittee meeting last month. The subcommittee has been reviewing ways to enhance the efficiency of choice transportation. They are drafting a recommendation which will be available for a first reading at our next meeting.

Boundaries & Enrollment – Chair, Kate Shelby Martin

Kate Shelby Martin reported that the school board approved the closure of Woodway Elementary for 2009-2010 at their meeting on December 16, 2008. At that time the board also approved the movement of the middle school program at Terrace Park School to Brier Terrace Middle School and the formation of a highly capable middle school program at Brier Terrace Middle School.

On behalf of Sue Venable, Madeline Herzog reported that the school board was not able to act on the closure of Evergreen Elementary for 2009-2010 as the Everett Herald newspaper had failed to publish the public hearing notices for Evergreen. The process will now start over. Public notices have been published on December 29, 2008 and January 5, 2009. Public hearings will be held on January 13, 2009 and January 27, 2009. The board will take action on the recommendation on March 24, 2009. We will continue to do everything we can do prior to a decision being made, but are not able to move forward until the board makes their final decision in March. Sue expressed her appreciation for all of the work the CPC has done on this recommendation.

Announcements:

The district's Information Fair is being held this coming Saturday, January 10, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Lynnwood High School.

The Superintendent's Roundtable (brown bag lunch) will be held on this Wednesday, January 7, 2009, from 12:00 – 1:00 here at the ESC. Marla Miller will be giving an update on Capital Projects. Marla and Barb Lloyd will be giving an update on the Food Service Program.

The City of Lynnwood, Edmonds Community College and Edmonds School District are co-sponsoring a celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 15, 2009. There will be an evening event at the Lynnwood Convention Center starting at 7:00 p.m. The featured speaker is Myrlie Evers-Williams.

Our next CPC meeting will be held on February 2, 2009.