

CITIZEN PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
October 6, 2008
MEETING SUMMARY

Subcommittee Work

The subcommittees met separately from 6:30 – 7:30.

General Meeting

Laura Barnes-Johnson, CPC Chair, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Subcommittee Reports

Education – Co Chairs, Jason Strayer and Lisa Speer

Tonight the committee received an overview from Assistant Superintendents Tony Byrd and Debby Carter of the current reporting systems at the elementary, middle and high school levels, for both progress reporting and report cards. They also discussed the rationale of how the district decided upon the current systems. The CPC subcommittee is working with the Professional Excellence Committee to provide input to the district on how best to balance reporting needs with work/time challenges faced by staff. At next month's meeting they will hear from the technology department to better understand how the reporting system itself works.

Transportation– Chair, Darylyn Phraner

Craig Christensen, Director of Transportation, brought information on current choice school transportation in our district. The annual morning bus count of students is scheduled for next week. The committee anticipates being able to assess more accurate information at the November meeting after the new count.

Boundaries & Enrollment – Chair, Kate Shelby Martin

Ellen Kahan, Assistant Superintendent, shared information on the consolidation plan at Woodway Elementary. Under the current recommendation approximately 75 students would be relocated to Sherwood Elementary, 100 students to Westgate Elementary and 12 to Mountlake Terrace Elementary for the 2009-2010 school year. Specific boundary information will be discussed at the November meeting. The district has also held meetings with families and community members in the Woodway service area.

The following recommendations were presented:

Edmonds School District
Citizens Planning Committee
Enrollment Subcommittee
First Reading Recommendation for Consolidation of Woodway Elementary
October 6, 2008

At the request of the School Board, the enrollment and boundaries subcommittee has developed two proposals for the consolidation of Woodway Elementary into neighboring elementary

schools. The proposals have been developed with input from subcommittee members, staff and parents. The second proposal is an enhancement of the first and should be considered separately.

PROPOSAL 1

The enrollment and boundaries subcommittee recommends that Woodway Elementary be consolidated as follows.

Redefine the boundaries of Woodway/Westgate/Sherwood Elementary Schools to consolidate the school programs into Westgate and Sherwood Elementary Schools with the exception of the current Woodway area just east of Lake Ballinger and Ballinger Golf Course and contiguous with the current Evergreen area. This area would be included in the redesign of boundaries consolidating Evergreen Elementary into other southeast quadrant schools. Students currently residing in that area would have the option of moving with their Woodway peers or to the new school assignment for that area.

PROPOSAL 2

The enrollment and boundaries subcommittee recommends that this enhancement be added to the above as part of the consolidation process.

Define a safe walking area to Madrona within the current Woodway Elementary boundaries. Allow families residing in that safe walking area the option to enroll new kindergarten students in either Madrona or the new home school identified in the school consolidation process. Kindergarten students from this specific Woodway area would be enrolled before other students applying for kindergarten classes at Madrona up until the beginning of the regular Madrona enrollment process.

Discussion was held regarding the preceding recommendations.

Sue Venable, Assistant Superintendent, then shared information on the consolidation plan for Evergreen Elementary. After looking at several different scenarios the committee recommends relocating approximately 130 students to Mountlake Terrace Elementary and 150 to Terrace Park School for the 2009-2010 school year. This would include out-of-service area students currently attending Evergreen Elementary. The district has also held meetings with families and community members in the Evergreen service area.

In addition, Ken Limon, Assistant Superintendent, presented background information and rationale for proposing to move the 7th and 8th grades from Terrace Park School to Brier Terrace Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year. A separate task force has been meeting to study the implementation of a middle school highly capable program. Their recommendation will be to establish this program at Brier Terrace Middle School as well. The district has also held meeting with families interested in the middle level highly capable program and with families of students in the Terrace Park middle school program.

The relocation of Evergreen Elementary students to Terrace Park would only be feasible with the relocation of the Terrace Park middle school program.

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The enrollment and boundaries subcommittee recommends that the boundaries of Terrace Park/Mountlake Terrace/ Evergreen Elementary Schools be reconfigured to consolidate Evergreen into Terrace Park and Mountlake Terrace Elementary. The subcommittee further recommends that Terrace Park K-8 be realigned as a K-6 program with the middle school program being moved to Brier Terrace.

Discussion was held regarding the Evergreen consolidation recommendation.

At our November meeting there will be 2nd readings of the recommendations, with a greater level of detailed information provided. After the 2nd reading a vote of the CPC will be taken. A first reading of the final recommendations to the school board is scheduled for November 18, 2008.

Food Service Update

Ken Limon shared a report from Marla Miller that lunch balances are now available district-wide on Skyward. The new IOU policy has been implemented, including moving the payment point to the front of the line at elementary schools. The implementation of the new policies seems to be going well. In addition to food service staff actively calling families to collect on balances, secondary principals have been making personal calls to families with significant balances and helping to direct those families to assistance where needed.

Announcements

The next CPC meeting will be held on November 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the ESC.