



CITIZEN PLANNING COMMITTEE
October 5, 2009
MINUTES

Subcommittees
6:30-7:45 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING
7:45 – 8:30

WELCOME – *Laura Barnes-Johnson, CPC Chair*

Laura welcomed everyone, and asked for subcommittee reports.

- ***Boundaries/Enrollment*** – *Shawn Miklautsch, Chair*

In Shawn's absence, Tami Cashdollar reported that this subcommittee looked at the Capital Facilities Plan and information about building capacities and fourth day counts. Alderwood Middle (AM) is very large – capacity of 753, but has 840 kids. This led the subcommittee to look at the elementary feeder schools, e.g. Martha Lake has the capacity of 599, but has 631 kids. We can see the trend of why AM is so large. This subcommittee is just starting to look at all the numbers. Next meeting: looking at maps.

- ***Education*** – *Lisa Speer, Chair*

In Lisa's absence, Lori Hagen reported that this subcommittee is looking at how we can develop powerful thinkers, problems solvers, critical thinkers, etc. We want students to be able to go beyond just knowing facts/information.

There are five questions to ask:

1. What do we want students to learn?
2. What are the instructional strategies?
3. What are the assessments?
4. What if they don't get it (interventions, supplemental, supplanting)?
5. What if they DO get it – how do we help teachers help students who need additional work to stay challenged?

They discussed the pressure of NCLB, how to use federal dollars to help students, and how to help students individually. Next meeting: looking at the highly capable and kids who are struggling.

- ***Operations*** – *Brian Furby, Chair*

Brian reported that the task of this group is to review staffing, program, and service level changes in the face of economic challenges. The first thing will be to review the impact of the reductions that are developing now as a result of the \$11.5 budget reduction. An extra meeting is scheduled for November 16th. The makeup of the group is CPC members, Budget Advisory Committee members, one student, and hopefully some community

members. The task force is to review the budget, and will bring recommendations back to the full CPC so all are involved and can represent the recommendations back to the various schools. Next meeting: review of impacts of the 2009-10 budget reductions; sharing information of past years, trends, and review the final budget from 2008-09.

REPLACEMENT LEVY UPDATE – Marla Miller

This month, the Board has taken time to think about all the economic data that's coming in. After taking everything into consideration, the Board is leaning toward a four-year levy, instead of two years. The Board will be acting on this at the Oct. 6 board meeting.

As we know, the budget reduction of \$11.5M for 2009-10 was extremely painful, and included closing two elementary schools. If we lost the upcoming levy, we're in uncharted territory as to what would be cut.

(Marla's presentation is attached as a separate document, for your information.)

It was proposed that CPC be given "key messages" for when they communicate with their school community and others. DJ will email those out to CPC. There was discussion, questions and answers, and suggestions about what should be emphasized in the levy information.

The good news is that a simple majority is now needed for levy passage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Laura

The next CPC Planning Meeting will be October 23rd at the ESC in the HR Conference Room. The new subcommittee chairs are invited to attend, if possible. The planning meeting schedule will be emailed to the subcommittee chairs.

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