



CITIZEN PLANNING COMMITTEE

September 14, 2009
MINUTES

REV. 9/18/09

WELCOME - *Debby Carter, Executive Director, Human Resources*

Debby thanked everyone for coming and for being willing to serve on CPC. She then introduced herself and Sherry Joos, Administrative Assistant for HR, as the new facilitation team. After giving an overview of what this first meeting would entail, she introduced Laura Barnes-Johnson, CPC Chair.

NEW MEMBERS/INTRODUCTIONS - *Laura Barnes-Johnson, CPC Chair*

Laura welcomed new members, and asked everyone to introduce him/herself. She mentioned that CPC is considered a “key communicator” group, which is important especially with the replacement levy in February. This first meeting is a “getting to know you” meeting.

WHAT IS CPC / MEETING PROTOCOL - *Debby Carter*

Debby gave a PowerPoint presentation overview of what is CPC. She mentioned the CPC bylaws are available by request – please contact Sherry Joos. Debby introduced District advisors to the three subcommittees: Dr. Ken Limón, Assistant Superintendent, **Boundary/Enrollment** subcommittee; Dr. Tony Byrd, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning, **Education** subcommittee; and Marla Miller, Executive Director of Business and Operations, **Operations** subcommittee. Each was asked to give a subcommittee overview.

- **Boundaries/Enrollment** – Ken
Alderwood Middle was projecting about 900 kids. It’s not quite that high yet, but Ken pledged to the staff that we could do some boundary studies to see where trends are, look at data, etc. At this point, we’re not sure where that will lead. There are many implications with boundary changes. We want to look at a capacity study for buildings, all grade levels. We want to also look at the transfer policy, i.e. if we want to encourage kids to come to our district, what does that do to students within our district – interactions, etc.?
- **Education** – Tony
We have differentiated support for struggling learners. However, there’s still a gap – both for those students who don’t meet standard, and those students who go beyond standard. We need to look at all levels. We’ll look at the Community Schools model – schools as more of a community site – e.g. having social services on campus – the school as more of a community center.
- **Operations** – Marla
\$11.5M reductions were made for the 2009-10 year. We want to take look at the consequences of these reductions, and look at anticipated fiscal challenges we’ll face for the next several years. We also want to look at some of the ways the state balanced its budget that will come back to haunt us. We will look in depth at financial challenges and ideas – planning for how to balance next year’s budget and for years to come. This past year, there was a great community input process – we want to explore how to include parents and maybe businesses to gain ideas. There will be expanded participation – there may be extra meetings, because we want to have recommendations ready for January budget process. Work of this subcommittee feeds into the Budget Advisory Committee as an advisory into the development of the overall budget recommendation to the Board.

(Attached to these minutes, please see additional information from Marla regarding this subcommittee.)

Each CPC member will be asked to join a subcommittee at the October meeting, so please come ready to join the subcommittee that interests you the most.

Each school has one vote in the general session.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE - Ken Limón, Assistant Superintendent

The transportation budget is about \$8M; approximately half comes from the state, and the rest is supported by the general fund. When the general fund needs to be reduced, one of the places we look is our transportation department. Funding from the state has been significantly reduced, and the district can no longer afford to continue funding the \$250-280K it takes to bus kids inside that radius. Consequently, the district had to go back to the one-mile radius ruling, which has affected about 3,000 kids (about 2,500 households). The district has communicated this to our community intensively over the past few months. We had to cut 8-10 routes, larger routes have become smaller, there have been reductions in busing high school students to other high schools for programs, and athletic transportation has been reduced.

There are still some issues that need to be worked out, but overall we think we've had pretty smooth start, given the level of adjustments we've had to make.

2010 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS REPLACEMENT LEVY - DJ Jakala, Manager, Community Relations

In February 2010, we will be placing a replacement levy on the ballot. We have had a foundation of successful levy elections in the past, but now it's time to renew and build on that foundation. About 70% of our voters don't have school-aged children, so communication is a key. We have heard through a Northwest Securities school elections survey that school elections will not be shoe-ins – so word of mouth is essential.

DJ will be informing CPC in upcoming meetings how each person can get involved. Citizens for Schools will be organizing the campaign, and there will be many opportunities for involvement. There will be school election team involvement as in the past.

UPDATE ON LYNNWOOD HIGH AND MEADOWDALE MIDDLE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS - Marla Miller, Executive Director, Business & Operations

After support for 2006 bond approval – we did it! We're very excited! The atmosphere at Lynnwood High School is the most joyous of any new school Marla has attended. Students and faculty alike are thrilled with the new school. The grand opening is scheduled for October 3rd, with tours 1:30-3:30, dedication from 3:30-4:30, followed by guided tours. There are still things to be done. The theatre is the last piece, and is scheduled to be completed by November.

Marla showed pictures of what the new Meadowdale Middle School (MDM) will look like. The ground is broken. Students will stay on site during construction, and everyone there is very pleased at the strict safety precautions that are being taken. A concern was raised that some materials were not being recycled. Marla will check into this issue.

MDM is scheduled to open in the fall 2011.

OVERVIEW OF COMMITTEES AND 2009-10 MEETING SCHEDULE - Laura Barnes-Johnson

At the October 5th meeting, CPC members are asked to come ready to choose on which subcommittee they want to serve. Please come into the Board Room first to pick up name tag/tent and agenda. Subcommittee rooms will be labeled.

ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.

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FROM MARLA MILLER...

Edmonds School District No. 15 Fiscal Futures Advisory Task Force - 2009-10 School Year

Purpose:

Review and recommend staffing, program, or service level changes and/or revenue enhancement strategies in the face of growing economic challenges

Timeline:

Report by January 2010

Meeting plans:

- Monday nights, aligned with the CPC schedule for subcommittees
- May require additional meetings in the fall, please hold:
 - Monday, October 12, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 - Monday, November 16, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Membership

- CPC Operations Subcommittee
- Budget Advisory members in an ex officio capacity
- 3 - 5 community representatives
- 3 - 5 staff representatives, including certificated, administrative and classified staff
- 3 - 5 student representatives