

Elementary Grade Restructuring Meeting
December 13, 2012
Superintendent's Office

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Scott A. Amo, Superintendent of Schools
 April Bingel, Board Member
 Cathy Buckley, Board Member
 Debbie Passno, Board Member
 Pauline Stone, Board Member

Meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

The committee discussed options for a strategic approach to begin the work toward achievement of 2013-2014 Board Goal:

“Research opportunities that could affect long term budget development including: a reorganization of the elementary schools as K-2 and 3-5 buildings”

As a result of discussions it was agreed that the general approach would involve a Steering Committee and several sub-committees. The major function of the Steering Committee is to collect and analyze data compiled by the sub committees on specific components associated with an elementary school reorganization, and to make eventual recommendations to the Board of Education. The major function of each sub-committee is to collect data associated with specific topics, develop and ask provocative guiding questions intended to provide a comprehensive assessment of both strengths and limitations of suggestions/findings based on the data, and develop a report to submit to the Steering Committee. These individual reports may/may not include specific recommendations.

It was then decided that the membership of the Steering Committee would include:

Scott A. Amo
April Bingel
Cathy Buckley
Debbie Passno
Pauline Stone

Next the Committee discussed major sub-committees to be followed to conduct data analysis. Following discussion, the following sub-committees were identified:

Transportation
Programs/Academics
Special Education
Public Relations
Finance

In addition, the following individuals were recommended to sit on the respective sub-committees:

<u>Transportation</u> –	Shane Brink Cathy Buckley Pauline Stone
<u>Programs/Academics</u> –	Garth Frechette Matt Slattery Pauline Stone
<u>Special Education</u> -	LeeAnn Short Cathy Buckley Debbie Passno
<u>Public Relations</u> –	Scott A. Amo Gary Lambert Debbie Passno
<u>Finance</u> –	Mary LaValley Blaine Jennifer Hicks April Bingel

Each sub-committee will select a chair. It is understood that additional representatives, including parents/community, may be included at the discretion of the committees.

The Committee then discussed identifying a few assumptions to help guide the work of all groups.

Assumption #1

Current grade/site distributions in elementary schools will not allow for equitable services.

Assumption #2

Resources available to provide equitable services/programs are projected to decrease at the state and/or local level.

Assumption #3

There are financial, social, and educational values to be gained with compressed grade ranges within the elementary schools.

The Committee agreed to meet on a six week cycle, approximately. The sub-committees will meet on an as-needed basis.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Scott A. Amo
Superintendent of Schools