

Transition Ad Hoc Committee Minutes March 3, 2009

PARTICIPANTS:

Paul Stearns
Blaire Fagan
Ann Dall
Ginny Rebar
Lisa Martell
Jim Chasse
Fred Andrews
Eric Smith

Vicki French
Debbi Chapman
Robyn Rich
Crystal Priest
Trisha Kurt
George Nuite
Sherrie Desmarais
Brydie Armstrong
Adam Brown

Note: all meetings open to anyone wishing to attend – open/inclusive format

I. Call to order (3:15)

II. Opening remarks – Paul Stearns

- There are signs of some relief in revenue possibilities for next year's budget - Stimulus money (\$77,000) = sustainable money.
- An approximate \$400,000 gap to fill. Have \$249,000 in unanticipated carry forward towards that.
- Stimulus \$ will not be solving all of our student population and revenue problems. There are too many buildings, spread out too much.
- 2007/2009 = 1120 students in the district
2010/2011 = predicted 660 students in the district
- See handout for year-to-year savings and demographics.
- By moving Grade 8 it saves \$ by making faculty changes.
- Hopeful Goal = slow down the transition process to make good decisions instead of reacting and having to make fast decisions on short notice.
- Ad team met and brainstormed: Maybe can delay the 8th grade move one year by moving 1 PCHS teacher to PCMS and move 1 ed tech from PCMS to PCHS.
- Goal = build a time line to create a plan for the next year.
- Concern = meet the needs of the 8th graders and not just make them high school students.
- Provide the best possible educational program in the most efficient way possible.

III. Selection of chair/secretary

IV. Overview of current proposal – Paul Stearns

- At this time we need to work out the pros and cons of this current proposal that is on the table; just in case the revenue is not there in April. Take the results to the board.
- If this proposal is rejected, then we can look at the other proposals.

V. Opportunities and Barriers – Jim Chasse

Pro's

- Transition to HS earlier
- Early HS Classes (FL, Math)
- Specials Staff - More at one Building
- Increase funding in District
- Possible 8-9(10) grouping
- HS Academic Readiness (grade 8 in bld)

Con's

- Social Development and Age Variances
- The pulling of Social Fence Sitters
- School within a school schedule challenges
- Facilities not set up for a "wing" structure
- Two new groups in one year
- Guidance/Admin Load...another grade level increases management more than teaching
- Clubs, student gov't, student events
- Hallway Behavior
- Graduation Time of Year
- Lunch Flow
- Hallway lingo/hallway behavior
- Adolescent minds=Developmental interpretation of pregnancies and instant families as a source of love.
- Separate bathrooms?
- Recess?

VI. Other Proposals/thoughts – Ann Dall/Robyn Rich - 3/5/09

VII. Prep for next meeting - Thursday 3/5/09

VIII. Other items

Decided to meet on 3-5-09 in PCHS Room 166.

First agenda item – review of proposals from PCMS staff members (Robyn/Ann).

Second item: using building diagrams and enrollment #'s – brainstorm various possibilities for the future.

IX. Adjourn – 4:50p