

**Ad Hoc Transition Committee Meeting**  
**PCHS Room 166**  
**Date: March 5, 2009**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

<u>  x  </u> Paul Stearns	<u>  x  </u> Blaire Fagan	<u>  x  </u> Ann Dall
<u>  x  </u> Ginny Rebar	<u>  x  </u> Lisa Martell	<u>  x  </u> Jim Chasse
<u>  x  </u> Fred Andrews	<u>  x  </u> Kelly MacFadyen	_____ Eric Smith
<u>  x  </u> Vicki French	<u>  x  </u> Debbi Chapman	<u>  x  </u> Robyn Rich
<u>  x  </u> Crystal Priest	<u>  x  </u> Trisha Kurt	_____ George Nuite
<u>  x  </u> Adam Brown	_____ Brydie Armstrong	<u>  x  </u> Sherry Desmarais

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

**I. Call to order**

**II. Check in – focus – questions/remarks**

- Purpose of the plan?
- Is one of the goals to maintain a transition school—a middle school concept—teams, etc.?
- Our purpose has been to develop pros and cons of moving the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but are the teachers proposals going to the Board as well? Yes.
- Looking long range – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade will eventually end up at the high school (fall of 2011). Because of budgets and money, the question is how soon will this happen. Hoping to delay this for one year for better planning.  
With only 660 students district wide, it's unrealistic to run 4 buildings with that amount of square footage.
- What is the process that the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade team needs to do to get their proposals to the Board? Can they do this on the 10<sup>th</sup> at the Board meeting? Yes.
- Key message to the Board: If we can hold off one year – we would rather do all the changes in one year rather than over 2 years. That way we have time to form a better plan. Give the pros & cons as reasoning.
- We have to plan for the worst and hope for the best.
- Is the reason for having to move the students because the numbers are down at the high school? Yes.
- Population at PCHS goes up to 325 with grades 7-12.
- Lets keep the conversation focused on programs and space.

### **III. Grade 7/8 team proposal – Ann/Robyn**

See the handout for these proposals.

Proposal 1:

Have Grades 2-8 at PCMS. Move Supt. Office out and move Mr. Poland to Mr. Moen's room.

Proposal 2:

Bring 7 & 8 Grade and staff to the high school. Using a School-within-a-School model Penquis (Milo) is an example of this. Keep the focus on middle school development.

Comments:

- Is there growing space for 3 classes of elementary age in Proposal 1? Teaming at grade levels could accommodate this like grade 7 & 8 and Grades 5 & 6.
- Thinking bodies and space – does this plan have room for growth? Planning for class sizes of 60 is ideal. This proposal would be short term.
- Spacing issues at the high school for 5 additional teachers?
- How would teachers feel about teachers moving to students?

### **IV. Students and space – brainstorming session – next meeting 3/19/09**

### **V. Other matters**

### **VI. Next meeting – 3/19/09**