

Alternatives Committee Minutes for April 27, 2011

April 27th Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
- III. Alternative Committee Charter and Objectives
- IV. Alternative Solution Discussion
- V. Committee Calendar and Meeting Objective Review
- VI. Next Steps and Action Items
- VII. Adjournment

I. Call To Order

Emerita kicked off the meeting providing an overview of the purpose of the alternative committee as well as provided a summary of the boundary committee meeting.

I. Introductions

Board Members & District:

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Committee Chair/Other:

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* Attended

I. Alternative Committee Charter and Objectives

Look at alternative options to changing school boundaries to address the following for 2013 and beyond and minimize impact to children and communities:

1. Over capacity within current schools including Cipriani and Central and future growth projections
2. Allocation of bond funds to modernize school and support school growth
3. Revisit Nesbit boundaries to address need for growth

I. Alternative Solution Discussion

Committee reviewed both previous and new options to explore to address the current capacity and for both short and long term perspective.

1. Language Immersion Program (Long Term)

- o Program previously explored for Fall 2010 school year
- o Looked into Dual Language program
- o Program would be initiated in Kindergarten and followed through 5th grade
- o Program was proposed at Nesbit
- o Penny Weaver is a good source of detail information and research collected last year

Previous Challenges:

- o After district wide poll only 12 people enrolled for k and 11 for first grade
- o Funding Source
- o Basic Aid program prevents children from outside of the district to enroll and we receive funding for them
- o Need a 50/50 split of enrollment of children where English is first language and Spanish is first language.

Committee Voted: Yes Viable Option and combined with Option 10

1. Purchase Additional Land/Space (i.e. Serendipity or Barrett) (Long Term)

- Blach Construction provided and reviewed three main options within this space. They included:
 - o Purchasing and updating Serendipity
 - Preliminary estimates to update the school not including acquisition = \$2.5 M
 - The expansion would add 6 additional classrooms within the 6400 square feet
 - City park/dog park between the two. Safety concerns with dog park.
 - After contacting Serendipity the school may not be on the market
 - Need to determine how to connect to the main campus with large hill between the two. Those costs not included.

- Questions brought up by the committee to look into the potential expansion of purchasing the field owned by the city, currently used as a dog park, for the school.
- Purchase and update of Barrett
 - The site is extremely deteriorated.
 - Building owned by City
 - After reviews cost estimate include \$17 M to update or \$23M to rebuild.
- Portable Classrooms for current school expansion
 - Estimates - \$272K

Committee Voted: No on Barrett Option. Move portable classroom option to Option 3. and yes to review expansion options with Cipriani.

Committee Lead: Amy

1. Current School Expansion (Short Term and Long Term)

- 3.4M to build out 4 modular classrooms at Cipriani. Area identified on existing property and listed in master plan.
- Current details in build master plan and need to review school by school to understanding capacity growth and costs
- Portable lifespan is about 20 years. Portables were not researched originally just modulars.

Question arose about recommended ratio of building space to blacktop. Determined there is no state requirement for ratio but need to look into recommendations.

Committee Voted: Yes

Committee Lead: Chuck/Mike

1. Program Moves (Short Term)

Several programs have already been moved around to address initial space capacity issues. They include:

- 1 County class moved to Nesbit – 2 Rooms
- 2 Preschool Classrooms moved to Nesbit
- 1 SDC moved to Nesbit
- Kindergarten moved to Nesbit at one time and moved back to Redwood shores
- Currently Fox has two special ed preschools and 1 SDC program. Legal requirements 2 classrooms.
- Already moved several classes from class to cart

Preliminary Concerns:

- Stability at Nesbit and constant moves and changes
- Programs have already moved to Nesbit
- Some concerns about ease of use to travel from school to school based on the programs and if they are all concentrated in one area

Committee Voted: No

Committee Lead: N/A

1. Year Round School (Long Term)

- Last year the school board looked at implementing a year round/multi track school program to potentially address the capacity issues within the district
- Pre reviews were initiated only by the board
- Potential solution could gain 30% more space

Preliminary Concerns:

Teachers with lack of classroom ownership

Without additional investment would require school administrators and staff to work year round with no breaks.

Committee Voted: No

Committee Lead: N/A

1. AM/PM Kindergarten (Short Term)

- AM/PM Kindergartens have been used in several elementary schools within the district.
- Looked at as a short term solution because the need to revisit classroom capacity with 1-5 becomes a challenge.
- Currently Cipriani has this program this year.

Committee Voted: No

Committee Lead: N/A

1. Elementary School Programs – 4-5 and 5-8 Schools (Long Term)

- Look into implementing 4-5 or 5-8 programs within existing elementary campuses such as redwood shores or Nesbit
- Middle school program could address some of the capacity issues we are going to see with Ralston soon
- Look into implementing partner school programs across the elementary schools. Build stringer relationships across schools.
- Look into other areas that have implemented similar programs such as San Carols.

Committee Voted: Yes

Committee Lead: Jason and Jeff

1. Move Administration Building (Short Term)

Look into selling existing administration building and move to Nesbit.

Use funds to sponsor additional programs and growth in existing schools

Committee Voted: Yes

Committee Lead: Alesha

1. Priority Enrollment

- General lottery looked at in the past by school board and community feedback was unanimously negative

- Alternative programs such as priority enrollment provides alternative options to enrollment. Other cities have implemented across their districts including: San Carlos, San Francisco , etc.
 - Siblings
 - Boundary/Geographic
 - Availability

Committee Voted: Yes

Committee Lead: Lisa/Alanna/Cathy

1. Special Programs/Magnet Program Introductions

- Look at implementing specialized programs at Nesbit to naturally draw students outside of the boundaries to the school.
- Look into the GATE program. Originally written by Penny and Cori. Need to look into what updates would be required to implement a GATE program at Nesbit and blend into the existing curriculum.
- Look at existing programs at schools such as Northstar to determine enrollment plans, costs, programs start ups..etc.
- Decided to combine with option 1 to look at board programs across the board to attract the larger mass.
- Discussions around special interest programs as well including tech, science, etc.

Committee Voted: Yes and to combine with Option 1

Committee Lead: Courtney/Penny

Notes:

- Average class sizes recommendations 400 – 500 Children a school
- 20 to 1 long term classroom size goal
- Current classroom capacity at Nesbit
- Cipriani currently has science classroom on a cart. Only one with out dedicated classroom.
- Expected to see enrollment for 2 to 21/2 Ks next year at Nesbit
- Ensure that the impact analysis and alternative options are looked across all schools and the district

I. Committee Calendar and Meeting Objective Review

Alternative Committee Meeting Schedule:

May 3 rd	4:30 - 6:30 pm
May 10 th	4:30 – 6:30 pm
May 17 th	4:30 – 6:30 pm

Meeting Agenda for May 3rd:

Call To Order
 Bond Funding Review
 Alternative Solution Review
 Review new alternatives identified
 Deep Dive review of alternatives

Alternative Prioritization Discussion
Next Steps and Action Items Review
Adjournment

I. Next Steps and Action Items

- Post Minutes and Meeting Schedule
- Reach out to communities to review options and deep dive into assigned areas
- Identify potential new solutions to discuss in the next meeting

I. Adjournment