

Alternative Committee Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2011

Date: May 10, 2011

Agenda:

- I. Call To Order
- II. Previous Meeting Overview and Action Items
- III. Short Term Alternative Solution Deep Dive
- IV. Financial Review
- V. Next Steps

I. Call To Order

Emerita and Alesha kicked off the meeting to review the agenda and objectives for the current meeting.

Attendees:

Penny Weaver
Cathy Wright
Charles Velschow
Central /Cori McKenzie
Nesbit/Kathy Kelley
Redwoodshores/Cherie Ho
Nesbit/Mindy Shelton
Ralston/Dawn Graves
Central/Lisa Conley
Central /Mike Rothstein
Cipriani/Amy Sue Lombardi
Cipriani/Jeff Selman
Nesbit/Alanna ShawFillippi
Nesbit/ Jason Tolu
Redwoodshores/Kris Binasik
Redwoodshores/Kerri Macha
Sandpiper/Andy [Eliopoulos](#)
Alesha Breite

II. Previous Meeting Overview and Action Items

Alesha provided an overview of the results and conversations from the last committee meeting.

The committee had reviewed all 11 options in detail and narrowed the list down to 4 main options:

Short Term:

- 1) Current School Expansion:
Two options presented looking at full and partial build outs.
- 2) Priority Enrollment:

Creating a sister school program to handle prioritization enrollment across the district.

Long Term:

Immersion Program & Afterschool Program

The goal for this meeting was to revisit the priority enrollment in detail and finalize the options needed to present back to the school board.

Alesha also provided an update with Emerita about the school board status update presented on May 5th. The AC's current status and options were presented to the board with an overview of the work contributed and research presented to date. Based on the conversations and requests the board did decide to move the decision date out from May 19th to early June to give the board the option to evaluate all options before making a final decision.

Based on this the following dates are key for driving deliverable due dates:

- Need to present final recommendation to board on May 19th
- Agenda must be posted by Emerita by May 13th
- Final materials need to be submitted May 16th

III. Short Term Alternative Solution Deep Dive

Lisa presented a presentation around priority enrollment and sister school implementation.

Please see attached presentations for additional information about the proposal. Below is a quick summary of key talking points, questions, and concerns addressed by the group:

Current "As Is" BRSSD Enrollment Process/Priority

1. Students in School
 - a. Inside
 - b. Outside
2. Siblings of Students in School
 - a. Inside
 - b. Outside
3. New students in Area or current boundary
4. Other BRSSD
5. Outside of BRSSD

Notes:

- Concern about first come first server could be discriminatory in nature (i.e. Single or Working Parents)
- The committee suggested that we revisit the policy because it may need to be updated because some committee members addressed concerns that hard caps are not implemented and that the priority changes frequently every year.

- Regardless of which option the board selected it was suggested that the Appropriate policies, communications, and expectations are all updated for the mass public.

Option 1 “To Be” – Priority Enrollment Options with Zones

Overview

- No revolving door policy
- Once child is in they stay / becomes family “home school”
- Hard Cap would need to be implemented
- Core always assigned to school to ensure close students in proximity would still go to close school.
- Rotate zones for priorities every year to determine school of choice
- Add or build out at Fox and Central for sister schools capacity requirements

Pros

- Spread boundaries across the district and distribute the concern
- Addresses principals concerns about close proximity with students and assigned schools

Cons

- Zone priority of rental vs. homeowner in concentrated area or zones
- Kids would be held back in Kindergarten to pick school
- This solution would impact everyone and could cause a lot of changes
- Very difficult to manage the information and administration of the data

Open Questions

- How do we define zones within each school district/area
- How do we split zones
- How do we manage the zone and geographic assignments
- How is the core defined
- Do we have open enrollment for outside of the sister school

Followups

- Need to plug in demographer data for the next school year to show the school makeup and layout with new policy
- Should schedule a community meeting between the 19th and the 2nd to allow the committee to collect larger community feedback.
- Emerita question the number of boundary changes and whether that they have the correct information used in the boundary decision given the concerns about the number of changes. Need to investigate.

Overall large quantity of feedback and questions and feedback about the priority enrollment options. In general the committee thought we did not have enough information yet to formalize the recommendation back to the board and would need to revisit in the next meeting. Other options were addressed including:

- New option would include removing the zones from the priority enrollment option and need to deep dive into.

The committee did agree to:

Suggest immediate modular build out at Fox and Nesbit to handle overall enrollment projections through 2013. This would allow the construction company to move forward with plans and apply for the additional state funds. In the meantime spend more time to vet the alternative options.

Implement a hard cap and spend some time vetting through the enrollment options.

IV. Financial Review

Based on time constraints the team was unable to visit the topic for discussion and will need to push to the next meeting.

V. Next Steps

Based on the crunched timeline the committee decided to schedule an additional meeting on Monday May 16th from 4:30 to 6:30. This will provide the team the opportunity to:

- Review the priority Enrollment Summary again for discussion
- Review proposals and presentations to the board
- Finalize any open question or concerns about recommendations

We will in that meeting finalize the formal agenda for Tuesday's meeting on the 17th based on action items and outcomes from Monday's meeting.

Alesha will send meeting minutes out and work on a one page slide with everyone's feedback incorporated into the various options discussed to date.

Lisa is going to revisit the priority enrollment option to determine if we can plug in real numbers to visualize the impact and layout of the proposal presented today.