

Port Angeles School District
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Minutes of Elementary Transition Team Meeting:
Wednesday, February 7, 2007

Committee Members:

Jeanne Wolfley, Michelle Haworth, Doug Hayman, Kathy Millar, LeAnn Johnson, Nancy Pack, Holly Juskevich, Loren Engel, Gunnar Thomason, Karen Fox, Michelle Olsen, Leah Bauman, Darren Mills, Ron Jones, Mary Morgan, Stephanie Gochnour, Theresa Rothweiler, Mary Hebert

Others in Attendance:

Linda Williams

Meeting Opening:

Mrs. Hebert welcomed the members and thanked them for their continued attendance and support. She asked for their input on their decisions reached regarding the special education programs placement and the MAC Program decisions.

Members' Feedback on Decisions Made in January 24, 2007 Meeting:

Several members stated that the only concern voiced by staff and parents was in regard to moving the pre-school programs from Dry Creek Elementary School. Because of the necessary/appropriate facilities and specifically designed playground equipment, the pre-school program was purposely placed at Dry Creek Elementary School, so some of the staff and parents wondered why it was being moved.

Ms. Williams stated that she had heard from tribal members who informed her that the Native American pre-school students would not adjust well at another location. These students were more comfortable being at the same school as their siblings.

Ms. Williams asked how concerns about the pre-school decision could be addressed. Mrs. Hebert stated that since the members have made their decision that will be presented to the school board, anyone with opposing viewpoints regarding the decision should contact the school board members.

Some of the members stated that they had not gotten any feedback. Several members stated that the feedback received was all positive. Several parents from Jefferson Elementary School stated their concern about the re-boundary issues. Most staff were pleased with the members' decision because there will be very little disruption of/impact to the classrooms/programs. One member overheard some of her peers speaking and heard them say that they liked the program placements across the board.

Review of January 24, 2007 Meeting Minutes:

Mrs. Hebert then informed the members that she would be presenting their decision to the school board at the school board meeting on February 12, 2007 and asked them to review the January 24, 2007 meeting minutes for accuracy and any needed revisions.

The members made various revisions that they then also approved and that were incorporated into the January 24, 2007 meeting minutes. This process took up most of the meeting.

One MAC Program Committee Decision:

Mrs. Pack informed the members that the committee that has been meeting to determine issues about the MAC Program met earlier today and addressed the issue of whether a first grade student would be best served in a multi-age classroom environment (MAC Program.)

After discussing this matter, the committee agreed that the Franklin Elementary School's first grade students would be best served if they were placed in classrooms other than a MAC Program (multi-age classroom.) The committee members felt that the first grade students were not quite ready for that (sharing) experience. However, they would be able to attend the MAC Program in the second grade.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next Elementary Transition Team Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 from 6:00-8:00p.m. at the Central Services Building, 216 East Fourth Street, Port Angeles, WA.