

## Port Angeles School District Elementary Reorganization Task Force

### Minutes Elementary Reorganization Task Force

#### Week 6

#### Monday, November 30, 2011

Meeting was held at the Central Services Building, November 7, 2011 from 3:30 p.m. -5:00 p.m.  
Dr. Jane Pryne facilitated the meeting.

#### Members in Attendance:

Patti Happe, Kate Wenzl, Laura Levine, Amity Butler, Cynthia Green, Claire Rausch, Walt Mazingo, Gary Pringle, Trent Pomeroy, Pauline Marvin, Michelle Olson, Evan Murphy, Doug Hayman, Stacey Nickerson, Teresa Beckstrom, Anne Mitchell, Coya Erickson, John Kilzer, Taffy Bond, Lisa Lisk, Chris Baker, Michele Haworth, Michelle Reid, Jane Pryne, Karen Ross, Jim Varela, Sarah Methner, Kathy Crowley and Julie Smith.

#### Members Absent:

Tim Ochs and Gretchen O'Brien.

#### Welcome:

Dr. Pryne opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and distributing the agenda and supporting documents.

Dr. Pryne reviewed the goal of the Elementary Restructuring Task Force.

#### Purpose of the Task Force

- Determine the sustainability of the current resources allocated across the elementary system.
- Research the most efficient, effective organizational structure over the next five years for our elementary schools.
- Make a recommendation to the Board of Directors on the next course of action.

#### Strategic Plan

##### Goal 3: Resources

**Objective 1:** Create a more efficient and equitable resource distribution system

**Objective 2:** Create an infrastructure that supports student learning

**Action Item 1:** Create a Task Force to study the restructuring of elementary education

#### Agenda

Review the Minutes and Talking points from November 7, 2011.

Assess and analyze the data on the three alternatives

#### Minutes

Dr. Pryne reviewed the decision making process with the task force. The MAC staff presented the history of the program and the benefits of smaller learning communities, parent involvement, no additional costs to the budget, and asked for consideration of not splitting up the MAC or eliminating it all together. Additionally, a classroom teacher provided thoughts on the impact of the MAC due to the classroom composition, and free and reduced lunch percentages differences causing imbalanced classrooms.

Maintenance Supervisor Nolan Duce provided input on estimated moving costs provided for the three plans. Director of Transportation Karen Ross provided information on current busing costs and a

breakdown per plan. Superintendent Pryne presented and led the discussion on associated data collected on the three plans that included cost savings, students per classroom, and teachers per plan.

Information requested for the Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting include: cost to build wing on Jefferson and if it can be financed, provide available building appraisals, and a revised cost analysis without the moving costs, and the pay for teachers for 2-days worth of packing classroom for move. Also requested were geographical area information and the BLRB scoring. Qualifying statements with cost and student enrollment information will be provided to the public.

We also want to thank the public for their comments to the three options through Survey Monkey and emails to the District. We appreciate all of their comments and they will be taken under advisement as part of the data collected.

#### **Talking Points\***

- Assessed and analyzed data on class sizes, transportation costs, moving costs
- Received MAC information
- Discussed 400 student “myth” .... The state has determined that elementary schools that house 400 students “break even” because schools are paid to operate the school on a per pupil basis...so the more students a school has the more money the school is given to operate.
- Thank the public for comments
- Discussed the reasons for closing Franklin rather than Hamilton and they are because of the BLRB Survey Results and the geographic location

#### **Next Meeting**

- **December 12, 2011**
  - Select plan for recommendation

#### **Meeting Closing:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.