

Option School Kick Off Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 27, 2010

Attendance

Member	Role	Member	Role
Kristi Sandvik	Executive Director of Special Programs	Gregg O'Mara	Liberty High School Principal
Jim Harrington	Chief Technology Officer	Carolyn Ortman	School Board
Patti Book	Executive Director, Office of School Performance	Jon Pede	Jackson Elementary Principal
Carol Loughner	Principal Glencoe High School	Travis Reiman	WL Henry Elementary Principal (2010-2011)
Dayle Spitzer	Minter Bridge Elementary School Principal	Laurie Lewis	Patterson Elementary School Principal
Greg Zinn	Assistant Superintendent	Jess Thompson	Instructional Coach
Gina Baez	Reedville Elementary School Principal	Mike Scott	Superintendent
Stan Esselstrom	Miller Education Center Principal	Ted Zehr	Century High School Principal
Linda Harrington	Teacher	Adrienne Freehan	Parent
Kim Strelchun	Stand for Children	Kathi Robinson	Executive Director, Office of School Performance
Dawn Montgomery	Executive Director, Office of School Performance		

- Agenda Review: Goal of today's meeting is to prioritize from list of possible options provided. The list included the following: Dual Language Magnet School, High School Focus Areas, K-6 or K-8 school, Virtual School (ESD), Expansion of Miller Education Center, Charter School.
- Two handouts were provide and attached reflecting the options with talking points.

Topic 1: Discuss current wheel of option

- **Action:** In groups of two or three each group was asked to discuss the "wheel" and begin to prioritize which option makes most sense.
- **Action:** Each group reported out: General consensus on the following:
 - **Expansion of MEC** - everyone supports this, and is interested in how the perception of MEC can be changed. Is it possible to offer other services at MEC like TAG or high school extension classes? It makes the most sense to support the expansion of MEC because it's up and running and additional staff have been allocated for the 2010- 2011 school year. Important to change the focus of MEC to include an umbrella with a full array of services offered.

- **Dual Language Magnet School** - General consensus to further develop this option. Some discussion about growing a magnet K-8 school, providing dual language magnets in each feeder region. WL Henry has incorporated dual language in its school, Minter Bridge is growing the dual language program and Reedville has a proposal to consider adding dual language at its school. Discussion about importance of having options for middle and high school dual language students. For example, WL Henry feeds into South Meadows where the Middle Year's Program provides the opportunity and Hilhi provides the International Baccalaureate option. Idea was proposed to grow dual language programs in each middle school "house concept".
- **Charter School** - Not an option to pursue at this time. The future could include the application of the Oregon Department of Education Charter School Incentive Grant.
- **High School Focus Areas** - While everyone supports the idea of enhancing focus programs at each of the high schools, the priority for high schools is to provide math and science opportunities aligned with the increase in graduation requirements. Some discussion about middle schools feeding into the high school- how can we ensure the students in middle schools aren't left behind are prepared for high school- can a high school focus area extend through its K-12 feeder?
- **K-8 School** - Not an option to pursue at this time. It is an idea that has been discussed in the past. There was some support for a K-6 school that meets the needs of unique learners such as Talented and Gifted but it would need to have a well developed focus.
- **Virtual Online School** - We would like to support the ESD in its efforts to provide credit recovery with its focus on providing a virtual online school for HSD. Long term K-12 online option for HSD is something we should continue to pursue but isn't a priority at this time. The discussion needs more conversation at this point. One concern raised is that the virtual school needs to address needs beyond credit recovery.

General Comments - Very difficult to prioritize the list of options and focus on elementary or secondary needs in isolation. Vocational component necessary in high schools, engagement opportunities at middle school needed.

Topic 2: Discussion of MEC and Current Dual Language

- Stan Esselstrom provided a handout discussing current MEC Alternative Option. It is included in the attachments.
- Travis Reiman explained the dual language program at WL Henry and the desire to expand it. Dayle Spitzer discussed the dual language program at Minter Bridge and the adding of 3rd grade next year. Gina Baez talked about a future proposal to add dial language to Reedville.

Highlights from each - WL Henry: The Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students are currently out performing non LEP students on OAKS. This year is the 6th year for the dual language program. There are social and cognitive benefits of bilingualism that dual language programs provide. Minter Bridge: current model includes a 50/50 service delivery. Bilingual staffing is a priority. There is a waiting list for application to Minter Bridge dual language program and they would like to grow the program. Reedville: Parent support for dual language program, Reedville loses students to other district that offer dual language programs each year, there is a need for HSD to “grow their own” bilingual teachers and work with universities in providing rich environments for student teachers to develop their skills.

Next Steps

- In an effort to meet the goal of the committee and provide a recommendation to the Board regarding options, a subcommittee will be developed to develop a timeline under each option discussed today.