

Restructure Committee

Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2011

Opening:

The first meeting of the Restructure Committee was called to order at 6:30pm on Nov. 2, 2011 in Black Hawk Middle School Media Center by Dr. Gregg Klingensmith.

Present:

John Clinger, Travis Arndt, Beth Luecke, Wendy Guss, Erin Waters, Karen Gregory, Don Hodgson, John Cornell, Mark Winter, Debbie Current, Cresia Stark, Holly Faerber, Jennifer Grooms, Randy Cordell, Lori Wenzel, Tammy Reagan, Patty Russell, Lucy Swailes, Ron Greer, Heather Cox, Jaime McCulloch, Nancy Cobb, Elizabeth Swoboda, Shelby Bailey, Christiana Cosgrove, Dr. Carrie Schwierjohn, Mrs. Bobbie Russell, Dr. Jill Schowe, Mrs. Jill Lawson, Dr. Gregg Klingensmith, Bill Hawley, Scott Costello

A. Focus

The focus of the meeting was to establish meeting processes, establish ground rules, roles and responsibilities. Also decide on a Co-Chair for committee, recorder/notetaker, group structure, reporting methods, format of future meetings and set dates for future meetings.

- Co-Chair – Karen Gregory
- Recorder – Tammy Reagan
- Group structure – large group/round table
- Decide reporting methods – members will be contacted via email/minutes will be posted on the Warren Co RIII web-site
- The committee will recommend a plan to the school board at the December 2011 meeting

B. Objective

The restructuring options were listed and discussed. They are as follow:

- State Board of Education could run our district – the state has declined
- Could become a Charter School – District does not fit the size/regional requirements
- Replace all or most of the staff in Warrior Ridge and Daniel Boone Elementary – It was discussed that this would be more of a disruption than a benefit
- Give up Title 1 money, approximately \$585,000. - The district is not financially able to give up that amount of funding
- Change governance structure - The committee has asked for more data on this option

Consensus was reached to change the governance.

C. Change Governance Structure.

Our options under change governance structure are:

- Close the school and reopen it as a focus or theme school with new staff or skilled in the focus area – The committee did not feel this was the right choice
- Reconstitute the school into smaller autonomous learning communities(e.g. school within a school) – This was open for more discussion
- Dissolve the school and assign students to other schools in the district – This is not an option because there is not another elementary/3rd grade in the district
- Expand or narrow the grades served - This was discussed and further information has been asked for

Consensus was reached to either reconstitute the school into smaller autonomous learning communities or expand or narrow the grades served.

D. Data Requested

- Compare scores of schools with similar configuration as us to schools that are K-5
- What are schools our size that are not in restructuring doing to be successful
- Pre K data - enrollment numbers and interest from the community
- Student capacity at each building
- Cost of retrofitting the existing buildings for K-5

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by Dr. Klinginsmith. The next general meeting will be at 6:30pm on November 9, 2011 in Black Hawk Middle School Media Center.

Minutes submitted by:

Tammy Reagan

Approved by:

Dr. Gregg Klinginsmith