

EASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
November 3, 2014
Minutes

Attendance:

Committee Members: Regina Bobroske, Bettina Grob, Adam Horowitz, Bernard Josefsberg, Vida Peskay, Gabriel Rossi, Tom McMorran

Administration: Stephanie Pierson-Ugol

Others: Kim Ajavananda, Chairperson of Redding BOE Long Range Planning Committee, and one member of the public

I. Call to Order

Regina Bobroske called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

II. Approval of October 23, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes – Horowitz, Grob – Approved, Unanimous.

III. Discussion and Possible Action:

Discussion with Kim Ajavananda, Chairperson of Redding BOE Long Range Planning Committee:

Kim Ajavananda reviewed with the committee the work that the Long Range Planning Committee in Redding has done to date, with regard to declining enrollment.

- Charge of Redding committee very similar to Easton's
- Brought multiple people/resources in to gain understanding on multiple points: CABA and CES regarding how other districts have addressed declining enrollment, Tom McMorran on goals for K-12 continuum, Stephanie Pierson-Ugol on ideal middle school, Steve Rowland on facilities restructuring.
 - Created a resource document – Easton to do same
 - Discussed creating central location for all info to be stored - likely Central Office.
- Brainstormed on possible solutions including: things they are currently doing, restructuring of buildings and restructuring/consolidation/collaboration within tri-district.
 - Discussed collaboration between Redding and Easton committees for exploration on any type of consolidation between districts, led by Education Connection representative. Region 9 will also need to be informed/included. Further discussions to include key stakeholders – Administrators, Town Representatives, Teachers, parents.
- Next steps:
 - Deeper dive into some of the options defined by the committee, including facilities reorganization and some level of consolidation between districts. Exploration to include timing, cost, ease of execution, and educational value.

Discussion with Tom McMorran and Stephanie Pierson-Ugol on K-12 Continuum and Future of schools:

Topic will be on agenda for next meeting for full discussion.

Stephanie suggested some considerations while considering/developing options including grade structures, creative ways to bundle students, use of space to enhance educational quality. Less transitions are better for students as they move through grades.

Tom suggested we view this as a three dimensional model – first variable the best sequence to educate students from beginning to end, second variable to consider the bands or groupings within child development (early childhood, early adolescent, etc.) and third, what the population looks like over time and how the trend line will affect current and future decisions.

Key things to include in goals: less transitions for students, solutions that support educational goal of students developing ability to raise thoughtful questions, gain understanding and apply learning, professional development to shift teaching model, the need for flexibility in event of change in population trend.

Committee's work to be focused on educational goals, and consider all options against that.

Staffing Projections: Principles, Parameters, Processes:

Committee agreed to discuss at next meeting.

IV. **Public Comment:** None

V. **Board Member Comment:** None

VI. **Adjournment**

Motion: move that the Easton Long Range Planning Committee adjourn the meeting. Peskay, Horowitz. Approved. Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55PM

Respectfully Submitted by Regina Bobroske, Committee Chairperson

Recorded by Regina Bobroske