

Grade Level Restructuring Sub-Committee

Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2008

Members present: Tim Bruns, Judy Grover, Kathi Hintz, Jane Jauquet, Bryon Kolbeck, Anne Lee, Paul Mann, Shannon Matott, Jeanne Olson, Mary Rayome, Larry Redepenning, Patti Ritchay, LeeAnn Schmidmayr, Heather Stiltz, Lisa Sullivan, Sharon Toellner, Anna Marie Tornow, Tina Wallner, MariJo Zieroth

Committee members decided that Anne Lee and Kathi Stebbins-Hintz would co-chair the group.

A variety of issues related to restructuring were discussed, including:

- Identifying certification of staff and whether or not the DPI will grandfather teachers who do not meet guidelines
- Enrollment numbers at grades 6, 7, 8, 9. Can the current facilities accommodate the student numbers?
- Special education classrooms needed
- Contractual issues that may arise
- Communication with and timeline for involvement of staff in the process
- Impact of declining enrollment on both the public and private/parochial schools in the community
- Consolidation discussions with Port Edwards and Nekoosa
- Impact of charter schools on restructuring
- Costs related to making the change
- Impact of restructuring without the SAGE program
- Possible consideration of moving 9th grade to LHS and when enrollment numbers would allow that to happen
- Cost of remodeling at LHS if the 9th grade were moved
- Athletic and co-curricular offerings in a 6-7 and 8-9 structure

Dr. Crist clarified the timeline for accomplishing the group's task. The recommendation for approving the concept of restructuring would be made to the Board of Education in November. Following approval by the Board, certification and curriculum issues would be decided with possible

implementation for the fall of 2009. Many factors would determine the actual implementation date. It was noted that the concept of restructuring has been approved by previous Boards of Education in the past.

Committee members decided that logistical information such as enrollment at East and West, numbers of sections, room utilization, space for special education and ELL programs, and resource rooms would need to be completed prior to any other work. Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Tracy Ginter and Dan Weigand will meet to prepare a longitudinal chart of this information for the past three years.

In addition, Paul Mann, LeeAnn Schmidmayr, Tim Bruns and Shannon Matott will update numbers and information for the elementary buildings. Charts were created for the 2004 Restructuring Report and these charts need to be updated.

Several pieces of information were requested by the group including:

- 1) Current enrollment numbers
- 2) Miron Facilities Study
- 3) Chart depicting the actual cost of restructuring that was previously presented to the Board by the junior high principals as part of the 2004 study.

Sharon Toellner will contact Maurine Hodgson for these items. Anne Lee requested that these items be mailed to Committee members prior to the next meeting.

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, September 17 beginning at 4:15 p.m. in conference room A/B.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Toellner.