



## **RECONFIGURATION**

### **Middle Working Committee**

**REPORT To:** Reconfiguration Advisory Committee

**REPORT Date:** October 10, 2017

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#### **Middle Working Committee Membership:**

ADR	Scott Wallace, Mitchell Rainkie
Alt Ed	Michael Kotanko
CMS	Paula Gosal (Advisory Member), Quentin Baker
FVDES	Diane Chapman, Sean Cordeiro
GWG	Matthew Brooks, Tyler Klassen
MSMS	Danielle Wicker, Jana Clattenburg
RTCS	Erin McAstocker, Michelle Kohuch
VMS	Carol Petek, Lisa Fugger
District Office	Kirk Savage (Advisory Member), Justin Moore, Joanne Britton

The first regular meeting of the Middle School Reconfiguration Meeting was held Thursday September 14, 2017. All members were in attendance.

#### **Completed:**

1. The MANDATE of the Committee was reviewed and finalized.
2. The Values, Vision and Mission statement was revisited, revised and completed.
3. The Committee agreed Reconfiguration could be the first item on the agenda at staff meetings, and that CUPE staff will be invited. CUPE staff would be excused if they wish after the Reconfiguration item.
4. The Committee agreed that CUPE staff would be invited to serve on school based working committees.
5. The Committee will provide the following suggestion to the Secondary Working Committee: That there be facilitated parent nights for grade 8/9 as they transition.
6. WEB Training is available in Blaine, WA at the end of February. The cost will be significantly less per person that anticipated (approx. \$2800 per person) if we register before January 24, 2018.
7. A comprehensive list of resources that will be needed at middle schools was created. The list includes both facilities and educational items.
  - a. Play structures
  - b. Line painting on concrete grounds (hopscotch etc.)
  - c. Books for libraries
  - d. Possibly newer, smaller desks
  - e. Carpets
  - f. Science equipment etc. that go with the grade level curriculum – should it be transferred if no longer useful at the original school?
  - g. Smaller and more sports uniforms



- h. Professional resources for teachers and in-service for teachers that may be required to teach other courses such as French and PE.
- 8. The Curriculum Department is providing the SPARK retreat in December for middle school educators. The retreat will be over two days at Harrison Hot Springs Resort.
- 9. The timeline as presented to the Advisory Committee was shared.
- 10. The committee discussed the inclusion of student voice in the process. (Co-creation of school identity after reconfiguration, Leadership in WEB/LINK, and ongoing discussions in Advisory classes).

**Outstanding:**

- 1. Staffing Process
- 2. Boundary Review
- 3. Parent night presentation structure, speaker(s)
- 4. Communication – it is anticipated that after the first Board meeting (September 19, 2017), timely and informative information will be communicated publicly.
- 5. The timeline will be organic and may change as we travel through the year.