

Meeting April 9, 2018 Minutes

1. Welcome and Review of February 20, 2018 Minutes

Co-chair Trustee Bob Patterson welcomed Advisory Committee members. No questions were raised about the minutes of the February 20, 2018 Committee Meeting.

2. Report – Elementary School Implementation Working Committee

Director of Instruction Janet Hall and Principal Chuck Bloch highlighted the work done at the elementary level in preparation for Reconfiguration. The March, 2018 Elementary Working Committee Report can be found here: <https://sd33.bc.ca/sites/sd33.bc.ca/files/2018-04/Reconfiguration%20Report%20March%202018.pdf>

Questions/Comments:

- Plans are underway to improve how elementary student learning is communicated by teachers to parents. Future work and parent consultation is required with the goal of the new format to be in place by the first reporting period of the 2018-2019 school year. The aim is to make student reporting more efficient and effective.
- There is a lot of excitement among staff and students, as well as some residual anxiety as staffing is completed and new school teams are established.

3. Report – Middle School Implementation Working Committee

Director of Instruction Kirk Savage and Principal Paula Gosal highlighted the work done at the middle level in preparation for Reconfiguration. The March, 2018 Middle Working Committee Report can be found here: <https://sd33.bc.ca/sites/sd33.bc.ca/files/2018-04/Middle%20WC%20Report%20to%20Advisory%20March%202018.pdf>

Questions/Comments:

- Advisory will be grade specific, as an extension of the home room teacher team. Connect time for students will be multi-grade. Following training in the We All Belong (WEB) program, teachers will be working with Grade 8 leaders, which will provide the opportunity for additional vertical grade connections, as well as intra murals, clubs, etc. There will also be grade mixing in Exploratory courses.
- Middle School campuses will remain as closed and lunch time arrangements will vary by school. It is anticipated that students will eat in their classrooms with supervision and monitoring. Safe and orderly schools is a priority.
- Teacher teams will be established once the hiring process is complete.
- Collaboration time for team teachers will be created with Secondary Instructional Hours and students having Elementary Instructional Hours.
- As the transition of C.H.A.N.C.E. Shxwetelilthet Alternate and the Education Centre is implemented in fall, 2018, students with alternate learning needs will be supported at their home Middle School with the addition of Inclusion teachers and Child and Youth Care

Workers. Staffing is being equitably distributed among Middle Schools. There will not be a separate enrolling classroom at the school for those students but, rather, there will be spaces where they can receive the supports needed.

- Middle Schools will give teams of core teachers the flexibility to create their own timetables. Exploratory courses will be timetabled centrally by administration.
- Middle schools are excited to be creating new schools.

4. Report – Secondary School Implementation Working Committee

Assistant Superintendent Rohan Arul-pragasam and Principal Brian Fehlauer provided a verbal update highlighting the work that is underway at the secondary level in preparation for Reconfiguration, including:

- Staffing.
- Facilities – preparing new classrooms.
- Meeting with Middle Schools.
- LINK training completed and will now identify students who will participate in order to be school leaders.
- Timetabling is nearly complete.

Questions/Comments:

- Secondary schools are intending to maximize the use of school space, which means that small classes of 12-13 students may not be offered but flexibility to add new students enrolling in a school will be maintained.

5. Superintendent Updates

- The district has launched a new website that, proudly, was developed in house, which means the costs were significantly lower than an external developer and district IT staff have the knowledge to maintain.
- Transportation plans are being developed for fall 2018.

6. Staffing Process Update

Co-Chair Superintendent Evelyn Novak provided an update on the staffing process in the district:

- The district continues to recruit and train teachers, EAs and clerical staff.
- Secondary teacher postings out April 9-10 – will be hired by May 7.
- Middle teacher postings out on April 26-27 – will be hired by May 25.
- Elementary teacher postings out May 15-16 – will be hired by June 7.
- June 11-18 – postings to replace all remaining teachers.
- The district will meet with CUPE by the end of April regarding staffing, which is dependent on student needs and enrolment.
- The district will examine the possibility of notifying applicants that they are not the successful candidate.

7. Additional Comments

- As the district continues to move toward Reconfiguration in the fall, enormous gratitude goes out the Principals, Vice Principals and all staff who have worked so hard to move the process forward.

8. Next meeting date: Tuesday May 15, 2018, Computer Lab, 2nd Floor, Neighbourhood Learning Centre, 46361 Yale Road.