

Whispering Wind Community Meeting

February 27, 2018

School Recommendation

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Facilities Planning Committee

Committee made 12 recommendations, which were reviewed and edited by Cabinet including:

Area of Concern:

Aire Libre and Arrowhead are currently under 400 students with no projected growth.

Recommendation:

Consider signature programming at Arrowhead and Aire Libre or the repurposing of the schools to maximize facility efficiency.

Governing Board Study Session

- **The Facilities Committee concerns and recommendations were shared with Governing Board members during the December 11th study session.**
- **The Governing Board directed Cabinet to review the demographic data for Aire Libre and Arrowhead and provide a recommended plan to address low and declining enrollment.**

Arrowhead Demographer Data

Total enrollment for 2017-2018

- **358 students**
 - **323 regular education students - 35 self contained special education students**
 - **1 Sun Kids preschool, 1 Title I Preschool**

Projected loss of 107 students by 2022-2023.

Cabinet Recommendation

- **In order to provide a comprehensive elementary school experience for students, the data supports the consolidation of attendance areas.**
- **Cabinet recommendations**
 - **Arrowhead Elementary School to be consolidated with both the Indian Bend and Whispering Wind attendance areas for the 2019-2020 school year.**

Arrowhead Recommendations

- **Regular Education students in Arrowhead boundaries**
 - **North of Greenway - Whispering Wind**
 - **South of Greenway - Indian Bend**
- **All self contained special education students attend either**
 - **Whispering Wind**
 - **Liberty**
- **Open Enrollment students will be encouraged to register at Whispering Wind or Indian Bend based on school of residence.**

Self-Contained Structured Program at Arrowhead

- **There are 5 self-contained Structured classrooms to support students with autism.**
- **In the 5 classrooms, the 35 students in the self-contained program will be serviced based on attendance area and program need at Whispering Wind, Liberty, or Sunset Canyon.**

Proposed Whispering Wind Data

Students currently attending Whispering Wind	555
Arrowhead self contained structured students	12
Arrowhead students residing north of Greenway	63
Arrowhead Open Enrollment students	<u>89</u>
Estimated Total Enrollment	719

- **Estimated student population change by 2022-23**
 - **Whispering Wind projected loss 83**
 - **Arrowhead projected loss 107**

Communication Timeline

- **January 2018 - Facilities Committee concerns and recommendations shared with each staff.**
- **February 8th - Site Council and staff meetings held at both sites sharing possible recommendations.**
- **February 9th - Governing Board Study Session**
- **February 9th - Receiving schools' staff informed.**
- **February 9th - Letters sent home to all five communities in the afternoon.**
- **February 9th - District staff notified of recommendation.**

Community Meetings

Governing Board Community Meeting

- Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at: North Canyon High School, 1700 E. Union Hills Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85024.

Moving Forward

- **Community building events.**
- **Student field trips between schools.**
- **Shared professional development day opportunities.**
- **Collaboration between parent organizations.**
- **Statutory requirements met through community communication and public meetings.**

Rationale of Recommendations

- **Declining enrollment leads to inefficiencies in a school with small numbers of students.**
- **Schools with low enrollment are unable to provide comprehensive programming.**
- **PV Schools will realize an estimated annual savings of \$500,000 per school.**
- **The location of schools limits the potential open enrollment.**

Questions?