

Third Meeting

The third meeting of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee took place Tuesday, October 27, 2009 from 6 to 9 p.m. Advisory members spent the first half of the meeting reviewing a spreadsheet of indicators requested from facilities during the second meeting. The rest of the meeting was devoted to discussing several possible realignment options as well as making initial determinations on whether or not individual properties should be brought forward for consolidation consideration. There was a robust discussion utilizing the decision criteria to analyze all options.

Ground Rules for Committee Work

The major ground rules set by the committee include:

- Decisions will be made by consensus
- Meetings will start and end at scheduled times and members are expected to attend each meeting
- Once decision has been reached, all SFAC members will support the decision
- SFAC is a limited advisory committee that makes recommendations for consideration
- Discussions and actions taken at SFAC will remain confidential

Indicator Spreadsheet Data

The Twin Rivers Facilities Department provided a thorough collection of data on every school property. The data indicators, as suggested by the SFAC in previous meetings, include:

2008 Academic Performance Index Score
2009 Academic Performance Index Score
2009 Program Improvement Status
Site Acreage
Enrollment as of September 2009
Capacity as determined by State
Preschool program student enrollment, if any
Special Education student enrollment, if any
Special Programs, if any
Modernization date
Legal Status of Facility
Appropriateness of facility to program
Physical Condition of the site
Site expansion possibilities
Environmental factors (bus routes, access, etc.)
School safety (based on police logs)

A variety of potential realignment options and all possible consolidations were reviewed by the SFAC using the indicator spreadsheet data. The SFAC sought to exclude those options that would not be appropriate for consideration, while leaving the widest possible list of options for review by the public and district leadership.

Going Forward

At the next meeting, the SFAC members will finalize their list of possible realignments and consolidations and public forums will be scheduled for the neighborhoods affected.

It is natural for possible school consolidations and realignments to cause anxiety and for staff and community members to attempt to guess at possible outcomes. Many will wonder about the impact on their job and that of their colleagues. If there are any consolidations of sites, those personnel will be entitled to positions at other sites based on the provisions established in collective bargaining agreements. We hope that sharing the process with everyone and providing opportunities for public participation will ease that anxiety and allow us all to focus on the important work of supporting and raising student achievement. To submit information for committee consideration, email SFAC@twinriversusd.org or plan to attend public sessions in December and January.