

Bethel School District

Long Range Facilities Task Force



Meeting #1 Summary

Bethel School District Long Range Facilities Task Force Meeting #1
Tuesday, September 18, 2018
5:30-7:30PM
Pierce County Skills Center, 16117 Canyon Rd E, Puyallup, WA 98375

Task Force members in attendance

Althea Clark
Audra Brown
Bill Taylor
Bryan Streleski
Cari An Lathrom
Dan Ferreira
David Knight
Debby Morgan
Demetrius Forte
Dennis Leingang
Dick Thurston
Jay McIsaac
Jennifer Van Gieson
Kim Price
Marilynn Wood
Mike Christianson
Mujaahidah Sayfullah
Paul Marquardt
Peggy Brayton
Porsche Appleman
Rebecca Sok
Rick Knutsen
Robert Crewse
Ron Mayberry
Sandy Williamson
Scott Martin
Shannon Zimmerly
Terry Hurd
Thomas Munoz
Tracy Hennessy

Members absent

Andrea Smith
Ashlee Walker
Ashley Smith
Bernadette Patton
Cathy Hood
Dana Irwin
Denise Clark
Geraldine Johnson

Jeffrey Johnson
Joseph Hoge
Katherine Tackenberg
Kathleen Jones
Kimberely Johnson
Kimberly Sablan
Kyle Walton
Lupe Juarez
McKenzie Woody
Melanie Thomas
Nathan Ryma
Robert Stanley
Stefan Yehle
Suzanne Shumaker
Teresa Smith
Tim Garber
Tina Lee
Todd Mitchell

Meeting observers

Penny Mabie
Cathie Carlson
Leigh Ann Dryer
Bang Parkinson
Jennifer Bethman
Doug Boyles
John Manning
Karen Campbell
Joel Stutheit
Dave Wells
David Hammond
Tom Seigel
Chad Honig

MEETING PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW

The Bethel School District Long Range Facilities Task Force met for their first meeting on September 18th at the Pierce County Skills Center. The meeting's key objective were:

- What is the charge of the Task Force?
- What are the challenges that need to be solved?
- What options are available to house our students for the next 5-10 years?
- What information will we need to be able to consider and recommend options to the School Board?

Penny Mabie, facilitator, went over introductions of the Task Force members, and an overview of the meeting's agenda, objectives, materials and ground rules.

Cathie Carlson, Director of Construction and Planning, provided an overview of the current context and challenges for which the Task Force will be developing recommendations:

Context:

- Building capacity
 - High School – 4417
 - Middle School – 5310
 - Elementary School – 6768
- Anticipated Enrollment
- Growth pressures
 - Planned developments
 - Growth rate
 - Preschool requirements
 - Elementary school class size requirements

Challenges:

- 2017 Bond Measure – Failed
 - 3 new schools – 1 high school, 2 elementary schools
 - 1 new building – replace Challenger High School
 - 1 school renovated – Bethel High School
 - 3 elementary schools and 1 middle school renovated and expanded
- 2018 Bond Measure – November 2018
 - Identical request
 - New projects wouldn't come on line until at least 2021
- Unhoused students

Penny noted that if the 2018 bond measure passes, the Task Force will shift its attention to options that would help meet the capacity needs while waiting for new buildings to come on line.

Penny reviewed the draft Task Force Charge, which includes members' responsibilities and commitment to meetings.

- Purpose
 - Study, discuss and evaluate options for housing students
 - Recommend housing option(s) for next 5-10 years
- Term
 - Meet eight times between September 2018 and February 2019
 - Present recommendations to School Board in March 2019

Penny asked the Task Force members if they agreed to the Charge – all signified agreement. Penny noted the document will be made final and posted on the District website.

Cathie Carlson reviewed options the District has/is considering for housing students:

- Convert Elk Plain School of Choice to a K-5 elementary school
- Repurpose/lease a commercial site
- Seek space at adjacent school districts
- Close a middle school, move those students to other middle schools, re-open the middle school as an elementary school
- Double-shifting
 - District-wide
 - School specific
- Year-round track school
 - District-wide

- School specific
- Others?

Cathie noted that another option, moving 9th graders back to middle schools, was on the list but was removed from consideration, as the school board does not want that option considered.

Task Force members provided other suggestions to consider:

- Increase use of distance learning
- Use parts of middle schools for elementary schools
- Use space at Bethel Learning Center for classrooms
- Turn all elementary school and middle schools into K-8 schools
- Use space at local colleges
- Variations of A & B days, with one group attending school on A days and another group attending on B days

Penny broke the Task Force up into table groups and asked them to make a list of questions or additional information that would be needed to explore/evaluate the different options. The groups then shared their lists and the following overarching list was developed:

- Impact on learning/achievement
 - Impact on families
- What schools would close or change?
- Which way is the district leaning?
- Enrollment of adjacent districts
 - Capacity availability
- Teachers
 - Contract to work both shifts
 - Quality of teachers willing to work in a double shift or year round multitrack environment
- Professional development for teachers and staff
- Maintenance needs
- Portables
 - Total number of spaces still available
 - Cost of portables w/bathrooms
 - Maintenance costs over 30 years
- Leasing
 - Looking at lease opportunities for classrooms or admin space (potentially freeing up room in the district for more classrooms)
 - How many classrooms would be gained
- Double shifting
 - Staff needs-admin, certificated, classified
 - Impacts to shared teacher space/classroom materials, etc
- Community Impacts
- Need information for all suggested models:
 - Where would funding come from?
 - What would the option look like?
 - Positives/negatives
 - Success-rates
 - Traffic issues

- Cost per student
- Cost/impacts to transportation
- Cost/impacts of remodeling leased facilities
- Cost/impacts to food service
- Scheduling impacts/challenges
- Impacts/costs to student achievement
- Impact to state required testing
- Turnover rates/recruitment of staff
- Bus driver shortage now
- Compare each model against needs to see duration of solution
- List of schools/districts who have done each model-and feedback on their experiences
- Which schools would benefit/impact if site-specific

Next Steps:

- Meeting schedule:

Meeting #	Date
1	Tuesday, 09/18/2018
2	Thursday, 10/18/2018
3	Thursday, 10/25/2018
4	Thursday, 11/15/2018
5	Thursday, 12/13/2018
6	Thursday, 01/10/2019
7	Thursday, 01/31/2019
8	Thursday, 02/21/2019
9 (School Board)	Tuesday, 03/12/2019

- Penny noted that all Task Force meetings will be at the Pierce County Skills Center and are scheduled for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with dinner provided.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:24pm