



Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1
Regular Public Meeting/Study Session
January 20, 2011

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston presided over the PESD #1 Study Session in the Phoenix Elementary School District Governing Board Room.

Other Board members present at the meeting were:

Mr. Doug Allsworth

Ms. Susan Bliss

Ms. Liz Meza

Dr. Louisa Stark

Also present were:

Ms. Myriam Roa
Superintendent

Mr. Tom Lind
Assistant Superintendent
For Curriculum and Instruction

Mr. Kenneth Baca
Assistant Superintendent
for Business Services

Mr. Randy Dickason
Executive Director for
Human Resources

Ms. Eleanor Moyza
Board Secretary

A. Study Session – 8:30 a.m.

- Call to Order – Dr. Ruth Ann Marston, President
- Pledge of Allegiance – Sara Marcum
- Receive and Discuss Strategic Plan

Mr. Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction gave the following acknowledgements:

- To our Superintendent, Ms. Myriam Roa and Governing Board for helping to set the direction for Strategic Planning. At the ASBA, ASA Conference In December, our Board President Dr. Ruth Ann Marston, our Superintendent Myriam Roa, and Nicholas Krump, a former Board member presented our Strategic Planning Process to approximately fifty superintendents and governing Board Members. The presentations were well-received by the audience and our presenters did an outstanding job.
- Mr. Lind showed the “600 Voices” video clip as a summary of their previous work in their Strategic Planning Process, and thanked Mr. John Kain for producing the video clip and stated that those in attendance at the conference last month were really quite impressed with our capabilities.
- Mr. Lind acknowledged that our Superintendent, Ms. Myriam Roa organized a Steering Committee and he thanked Susan Bliss, one of our Governing Board Members for serving on that committee, as well as Sara Bresnahan in the Superintendent’s Cabinet. He stated that a Design Team of Stakeholders was organized to do the heavy lifting and Sara Bresnahan, Rosalinda Ramirez and Matt Camacho were members of that Design Team as well as others and we were able to have our work facilitated by Wendy Larsen, of Creative Leadership Partnerships.
- Mr. Lind stated that several members of the Design Team Committee will join him in this presentation; Rosalinda Ramirez will speak to Student Success, Matthew Camacho will speak to Culture for Success and Sara Marcum will speak to Partners for Success. Mr. Lind stated that the Design Team recommended that sub-committees be formed to develop our

Action Steps and those who are experts or have an interest in these areas, Dr. Larry McBiles facilitated the Student Success work, Wendy Larsen continued her work with the Culture for Success Team and Sara Bresnahan has been leading our Partners for Success. Mr. Lind thanked the members of the Design Team who did the heavy lifting; Wendy Larsen and David Hume were the co-facilitators representing Creative Leadership Partners and Mr. Lind was fortunate enough to be a participant, as well as Dr. Andrews, Mr. Camacho, Mr. Hammond, Ms. Marcum, Ms. Ramirez, Mr. Day, Ms. Garcia, Mr. Young, Ms. Herrera and Ms. Bresnahan.

- Receive and Discuss Emerson Court Renovations
 - Mr. Baca recognized Nina and Tara, architects of ADM Group.
- Discussion and Possible Action on Montessori Campus West of Central
 - Mr. Allsworth summarized his discussions with other parents
 - Parents want another option other than Faith North Montessori at the Shaw campus
 - We may attract children who live in the district that currently attend either private schools or go to schools outside the district
 - Suggestions included conducting a survey of parents in the area
 - Getting information about children who are not being served, possibly from the census
 - Add a new Montessori school to the strategic plan; determine optimum size of school
 - Keep Faith North at Shaw for the immediate short term
 - Dr. Stark mentioned that many of the children of the historic neighborhoods were underserved and attended elsewhere; F.Q. Story, Encanto, Willo, Roosevelt neighborhoods were examples
- Discussion and Possible Action on Montessori Training Center
 - Dr. Marston requested information from administration
 - Ms. Roa summarized as follows:
 - Discussion has started with several post secondary institutions regarding providing local Montessori Certification and professional development
 - The district currently provides training for teachers but must send them out of state, over the summer or other breaks, because there are no local options in Arizona
 - Discussion about the location of a local training center or professional development school, possibly within one of our current facilities, the Prep Academy, or development with the idea of a new Montessori school to also facilitate student internship opportunities

B. Community Communications

None

C. Board Reports and Requests

1. Update on University Public School Phoenix
2. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)
 - (Location of new Governing Board Room)
 - Dr. Stark stated that she prefers Option 2 for the location of the Governing Board Room and the Superintendent's area connected to that.
 - Ms. Meza stated that she prefers Option 2.
 - Mr. Allsworth stated that he also likes both Option 1 and Option 2 and suggested a possible Option 3 and he asked for cost estimates for remodeling the whole building.
 - Ms. Bliss stated that she is in favor of Option 2 and also stated that she'd like to know who uses the building, how many members of the public use it, and maybe directional signs could be placed on 7th Street so the public will know where certain departments are located.

- Dr. Marston summarized what she believes is a direction to staff from Board Members:
 - ❖ Staff is directed to proceed with the primary focus where the Governing Board Room will be, being the area that was the original auditorium.
 - ❖ Staff is directed to provide a detailed plan for signage that will be approved by the Governing Board.
 - ❖ Staff is directed to plan for security if we allow people on the campus to access the center of the building when the rest of the campus is shut down. In addition to that, it's very clear that we want some way of getting natural light into that space.
 - ❖ Dr. Marston stated that we need to remember that this is the gateway into a number of historic neighborhoods and we need to keep in mind, that we are raising the property values rather than lowering them with whatever we do.
3. Board Report

D. Adjournment

Mr. Allsworth moved approval to adjourn the Study Session and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion and the Study Session adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Governing Board President

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