

Friday May 4, 2018

Members Present: JaNean, Milton, Laura

Agenda: **1. Summarize the Grade Reconfiguration Informational Meeting**
 2. Formalizing a recommendation for grade reconfiguration

Mixed messages have been received regarding whether or not the 6th grade reconfiguration is already in place or up for discussion

Grade Reconfiguration Informational Meeting:

- According to the flow chart given at the April 19th informational meeting, all schools within the network must be in favor of the grade reconfiguration for it to move forward
 - If one school does is not in favor, the grade reconfiguration will not take place

- Representatives from both junior high schools and elementary schools were present
 - Reps from junior high schools were largely in favor of the grade reconfiguration
 - Believe that 6th graders are able to adjust well to the environment with older students
 - Increased enrollment can expand programs and FTE at junior high schools
 - If enrollment decreases, funding for certain programs and electives may be cut
 - Reps (mostly parents) from elementary schools were largely against the idea of grade reconfiguration
 - Concerns about transportation -- how are kids getting to and from the school? Are they mature enough? Is it safe?
 - Many 6th grade students currently help with getting younger elementary siblings to and from school
 - Some parents have concerns about their 6th grade students being exposed to the junior high environment too early -- want to “keep them young” for as long as they can
 - Many parents currently happy with keeping 6th graders in the elementary school setting and see no reason to change it

Formalizing a recommendation for grade reconfiguration

- A district survey needs to be sent out to all teachers and parents regarding grade reconfiguration
 - District representatives said at the April 19th information meeting that they will send out the survey, but we have yet to see it

- After surveys have been sent out and data has been collected, Community Council will meet and formalize a recommendation to either move forward with grade reconfiguration or not.
 - CC Recommendations are due by June 30th