

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 303
School Board Retreat Minutes

Date: July 9, 2013

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: Non-Profit Retreat Center located at 15710 E. Euclid Avenue NE, Bainbridge Island

Board of Directors Present:

Mike Spence, Mary Curtis, Patty Fielding, Mev Hoberg, Tim Kinhead

Strategic Planning 2013-14

- **Student Learning – Educational Programs and Innovation:** Board members and Superintendent Faith Chapel discussed several ideas for improving District schools on Bainbridge Island that would move the district forward in alignment with the stated mission adopted by the Board of Directors to ensure all students are prepared for the global workplace, for college, and for personal success. Several themes that emerged during the discussion included:
 - Focusing on the goals outlined in the District Improvement Plan working toward the goal of having the highest performing students in Washington state and ensuring that all students are both challenged and supported to achieve learning goals (e.g. increasing differentiation of instruction); using data to inform instruction and drive improvement;
 - Expanding instructional time and opportunities for students: implementing a 7-period day for secondary students; expanding course offerings for Gr. 11-12 students that emphasize relevance as well as rigor (e.g. real world experiences through internships); exploring possibilities for early learning/preschool programs; developing closer partnerships with community colleges;
 - Research and explore new programs for possible implementation that prepare students to live and work in a global context. For example, the possibility of “Foreign Language in Elementary School (FLES) programs for all students and an International Baccalaureate program.
 - Continuing to balance the charge to have ALL students receive high quality instruction and opportunities in all subjects including world languages, the arts and STEM, while responding to individual needs and parental/community interest in options programs.
 - Board members noted that several of these themes emerged during meetings of the K-6 Educational Programs and Innovations Committee this past year. While the work of that committee has concluded, Board members discussed the importance of encouraging and supporting innovation at the “grass roots” level (individual teachers and schools) as well as through district initiatives and committees.
 - The importance of high quality staff: Board members also emphasized the importance of recruiting, hiring, retaining and investing in the best teachers, administrators and support staff.
- **School Configuration:** Board members discussed the work of the School Configuration Committee (SCC) and information gleaned from SCC meetings and staff/community presentations. They agreed that it would be helpful to SCC to provide a written document that will provide direction for their work this next year. Mary Curtis and Patty Fielding agreed to draft a document for Board consideration in at the August or early September meetings.
- **Financial Planning:** Board members discussed the need for renewal of the Educational Programs and Operations Levy and the need for a Capital Levy for Technology that could be placed before voters next February. Randi Ivancich, Director of Technology and Assessment, joined the Board and Superintendent for a review and discussion of the Technology Levy options that were presented to the Board on June 27. Dave Trageser, advisor to the Board, joined the

group for discussion of financial implications of various scenarios. Dave will prepare draft documents for Board consideration.

- **Communication:** Participants reviewed areas for enhanced communication to include development of a strategic plan for communication and the need for assistance from a communications advisor/specialist.

Board Officers and Board Committees

Board members discussed roles and committee assignments and agreed to defer decisions about changes until after the November election.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Board members discussed the importance of continued retreats and possible agenda topics.

Executive Session – Personnel: A short executive session was held regarding personnel. No decisions were made.

Adjournment

5:50 p.m. – The meeting was adjourned.

SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ATTEST: _____, Secretary to the Board of Directors