

Partnership for Community Learning Centers
DESIGN TEAM Summary Notes
November 17, 2003

Executive Summary:

Title I and Restructuring: This discussion is on hold pending further information from the state.
Nuts and Bolts: This group will prioritize what is needed for the partnership so if there is a funding cut we will now where to begin.
Partnership Puzzle: Everybody liked the basic idea and there were several recommendations which Jenny wrote on her paper to bring back to the artist.
Principals Update: Reviewed grants and Leadership GA, successful on all counts.

Announcements about meetings followed. A discussion on Title I counts and undocumented families followed with Jose stating what is allowable within the law. Next meeting December 15th, 3:30 at CCSD

Present: Jenny Penney Oliver, JoBeth Allen, Lori Ragsdale, Phyllis Stewart, Jose Boza, Jackie Saindon, Joel Seibentritt, Don Carver, Sandra Bland, Tad MacMillan, Phyllis Childs, Bob Bluett, Oscar Cardenas, Ginger Jewell, Cindy Brown
Guests: None

3:35-3:40 Welcome from Jose and introductions.

3:40-3:50

Title I and restructuring -- *How does this impact the Partnership schools?*

Bob Bluett: The state originally had Chase free and clear and supposedly there is nothing to be restructured. Barbara still has a meeting but the agenda has not been set pending final state decision.

Phyllis Childs: Can we just be allowed to continue the work we have begun?

Jo Beth: Why are we appealing?

Jose Boza: Could hurt us down the road. Jose will check with Barbara about this week's meetings.

3:50-4:08

Discussion of 11/10/03 Nuts and Bolts meeting

Jo Beth: They will review information from Title I to see if there is money to continue and if there is the expected reduction in funds, prioritize what the possibilities are and to present them to each school.

Jackie: The Board will not make a decision on choice that will affect the partnership nor the funding. The current thinking is any plan to change "Choice" will affect only new students to the district. Transportation plans (3) will be offered in a preliminary

informational fashion. Chase and Gaines would have to be exempted from transportation restrictions.

Jo Beth: Called for input from this board regarding the process for funding allocation.

Jenny: First decision is whether or not we will have 15 extra days. When is the appropriate time to weigh in on what the partnership schools need? Do we need to tell the Board we do want to weigh in, but we need to have more information? General agreement for this strategy was expressed. We normally present at agenda setting session on Dec 2. (Does the Dean need to be notified?)

Cindy: Zoning could radically influence the demographics at the partnership schools thus seriously impacting funding (even though it is still a full year away).

Jose: Explained Jim Simm's attempt to garner information from the public.

Jo Beth: Partnership schools defiantly have their own identities. Maps don't need to be redrawn but there is still a transportation cost affiliated with that. Districts role may be in facilitating transportation rather than providing it. Other options are to investigate what other districts do? Are we using public transportation to the best ability?

4:08-4:20

Partnership Puzzle pieces -- the "big picture"

JoBeth- Look at the puzzle and comment. Discussion followed as to how the puzzle lady is put together. Do they need to line up? Do they need to be strictly proportional?

Jackie: Switch community involvement and professional development.

JoBeth: Connections for each piece try to show what impacts what.

Jose: We need to create a broader message for the public.

Jenny: Discussion of how COE is impacted. Jenny made notes on her picture and held them up to make sure she understood the suggested changes.

4:20-4:47

Principals update

Phyllis Stewart: Gave an update. They are applying for the Reading First grant. They are doing K-4 this week and will be doing 5 and specials next week. Staff voted.

Bob Bluett: Leadership GA presentations were very successful. Bob talked about the panel discussion and the results. There might be money in it in terms of business partnerships from 1 specific individual. Bob wants to do a time on task study between regular ed and IEP teachers. Louise has an instrument and will be looking at transition times as well. Scheduled for week after Thanksgiving. Nancy Van Dergriff is coming to talk about the PRISM grant and these schools.

Jenny: Math partners at college are concerned about continued funding.

Jose: Talked about the process for the grant

Ginger: Talked in depth about EETT competitive grant and its impact (or not) on Chase Street in particular.

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Announcements:

Jenny: Explained about power and money that is behind the Poverty Listening study.
6:30-7:30 POVERTY LISTENING Session 11/18/03 Seney-Stovall Chapel
6:30 Public Input for choice at Cedar 11/18/03
6:00-8:00 Diversity Task Force- Athens Housing Authority 11/17/03
6:00-7:00 Meeting at Barrow about transportation 11/17/03

Tad: Brought up the facts the SIPs were huge and if the demographics change, how much of that work will have been for naught. Feels that communication is much better and gave example of Jim Simms retain to the Barrow meeting being so positive.

Jackie: Perhaps the process was flawed and we still have to determine what actually happens with Choice and there will be ample opportunity to impact the outcome keeping in mind that the 3 current choices are probably the 3 that will be voted on.

Don: Is there a split between the professional staff and the community on Choice?

Tad: Talked about the issues with 2 different groups of parents, those who want to keep the children who they made plans for and those who want to be able to keep children in the same place they've been since K.

Jenny et al: New issues about choice. Less than 30% even opt for choice.

Jackie: We have actually gone back to very segregated schools under Choice. Finances may be one of the impetuses but it is certainly not the entire issue. What is the rest of the county going through regarding this? The Board needs more info and is being diligent about it.

JoBeth: Revisiting Garden Springs issue. Trying to create a tenant owned trailer park and encourages folks to support this zoning change. Talked about how it fits with the Land Use Plan.

Jose: Title I ranking highly influenced by free and reduced lunch.

Bob/Phyllis: Talking about issues with undocumented and free and reduced lunch. They are currently on f/r but have been asked to document it. They are taking the check stubs but Paula Skelton has stated the names must match. Can they reapply? How long must they wait? What is going to happen? What can we do? A parent at 4th St says the kids will have to return to Mexico.

Jose: You have the right when working with undocumented families if you find the need exists for free and reduced.

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