

BERRYESSA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present

Angela Torres	Parent, Summerdale Elem.
Ashok Annamalai	Parent, Laneview Elem.
Betty Chen	Parent, Cherrywood Elem.
Chris Mosley	Principal, Piedmont Middle
Christy Boyd	Admin. Assist., Ed. Services
Connor Wilson	Teamsters
Geetanjali Chakraborty	Parent, Sierramont Middle
Giang Ngo	Parent, Ruskin Elem.
Ginger Jenzen	CTAB
Heather Moreali	CTAB
Jannet Odom	Principal, Majestic Way Elem.
Kate Waters	CSEA
Liz Escobar-Ausman	Parent, Vinci Park Elem.
Marie Skepple	Parent, Summerdale Elem.
Martin Michaels	Retiree, Landowner, CBOC Mem.
Michelle Corpuz	Parent, Majestic Way Elementary
Parul Manglik	CSEA

Shanna Brewer	Parent, Piedmont Middle
Yanet Segura-Herrera	Parent, Morrill Middle

Committee Members Absent

Dao (Denise) Pham	Parent, Northwood Elementary
Preetham Nayak	Parent, Brooktree Elementary
Thomas Carroll	Staff-Coordinator Ed. Services
Thu Dang-Gounalakis	Parent, Noble Elementary
Will Arroyo	Parent, Toyon Elementary

Staff and Guest

Brianna García	School Services of California
Harold Freiman	Attorney, Lozano Smith
Josh Quitariano	Dir. of Fiscal Services
Kevin Franklin	Assist. Supt., Bus. Serv.
Linette Hodson	School Services of California
Margot Sandoval	Admin. Assist., Bus. Serv.
Roxane Fuentes	Superintendent
Tony Kanastab	District Representative
Tom Williams	Enrollment Projections

- A. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. Brianna García greeted the committee.
- B. Roll Call:** Roll call was taken and it was determined a quorum was met.
- C. Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of Committee:** Brianna explained that the Chair and Vice Chair persons will present to the board the committee's recommendations. She continued explaining the role of the Chair person and the Vice Chairperson, which are:
- Call meeting to order
 - Roll call
 - Introduce each agenda item
 - End meeting

Brianna requested nominations or volunteers. Martin Michaels nominated Thomas Carroll for Chairperson. Thomas was not present. Kevin Franklin shared with the committee that Thomas said that if nominated for one of the positions, he will accept. Ginger Jenzen nominated Chris Mosley for Vice Chairperson. Chris Mosley accepted the nomination as Vice Chairperson.

Brianna turned the meeting over to Chris.

D. Meeting Minutes Review: The minutes were reviewed. Linette Hodson reminded the committee that the meeting is not a confidential meeting and she is serving as the time keeper to get the committee out on time.

E. Presentation of District Demographic and Capacity Data: The District's Demographer, Tom Williams from Enrollment Projections Consultants, presented to the Committee. Tom began by explaining that not all students reside within the school boundaries they are attending, but most students are residents. He continued by explained that some issues are that where students live may not be where they are enrolled. Other issues to consider are that resident numbers do not include inter-district transfer students, there is a small uptake in students for next year, birth rate is going down, and K-8 will continue to go down. It is estimated that over the next three years, enrollment will be down by 417 students in elementary school, and 47 students in middle school. The estimate for five years is 699 fewer elementary students and 77 fewer middle school students.

When it comes to a comparison of births within Berryessa Union School District, the district enrolled about 94% of those students in Kindergarten that were born in 2011. Currently, the district is enrolling approximately 60% of the students born back in 2018. One of the reasons for a decline in enrollment percentage is that parents are enrolling their children in Stratford schools, and a small amount of families moved away. Once a student was enrolled in the District, they have stayed enrolled within the district.

Covid also impacted enrollment. Between 2018 and 2022, there were 25% less births. The price of housing has also been a main cause for residents moving away. Many people who work in Santa Clara county on a work visa had to go back to their home country because work visas were not being approved. More students have enrolled in private schools. One of the reasons for parents choosing to send their children to a private school is that they offer before and after school child care.

Tony Kanastab, Director of Bond and Modernization, presented a school capacity analysis. He provided a classroom inventory and explained that there are a few classrooms that are too small to be used as a regular classroom and those rooms were not included in the inventory. For example, Morrill Middle School has some classrooms that measure less than 700 sq. ft. Those classrooms could be used as a physical therapy or counseling room but would not be counted as classroom inventory. Also, there are some classrooms that are used by YMCA, San Juan Bautista, and others for childcare and after school programs.

Currently, elementary school classrooms measure 700-900 sq. ft., Middle school classrooms 800-900 sq. ft. and new classrooms being built are required to measure 980 sq. ft.

The total number of classrooms per school site, and the student capacity for each classroom per school site was shared with the committee. In addition, student enrollment trends and future projected enrollment was also shared for each school. Schools are below their capacity. It would be ideal if the schools could be at 80% or higher capacity.

F. Site Analysis-Scoring and Pros and Cons: Brianna shared with the committee each school's analysis and how they are scored. Scoring is based on Demographics and Capacity. She explained in more detail how to score each section. The scoring is already input for each school. Brianna took the information the District provided and entered it for the committee and also the projected enrollment numbers provided by Tom Williams. The numbers do not include transfer student. She asked if the committee sees something that is incorrect, to please bring it up.

Permanent vs Portable Classrooms: The grey shaded cells include portables and the blue shaded cells do not include portables.

The score is based on utilization weighted on enrollment. Weighted Mythology – secondary score higher with next enrollment. Highest enrollment scoring 10, lowest scoring one (1).

A committee member asked if portables be removed if they are owned by the District? How does removing portables benefit the District? Kevin Franklin explained that portables can be moved to other schools if needed due to capacity. One criteria that would be looked at would be the remaining life of portables.

Superintendent, Dr. Fuentes added that portables may be moved if a school was closed due to capacity. Another thing to be considered are boundary changes.

Maps will be used to show the distance from each school to see what schools are closest to each school.

At the last meeting, it was requested to review if the time of the meeting could be moved to 5:30-7:30 pm. Linette explained that committee members would have to agree in more than a simple majority to make a change. There would have to be a consensus of what is best for the group. Everyone agreed to meet at 6:00 p.m. One of the norms is to be out on time. The committee would need to discuss reasons and benefits of starting and ending early. Chris recommended to leave the start time at 6:00 pm.

G. Visitor/Public Comments: There were no comments from the public.

H. Next Steps: The dates for the meetings in August and September were going to be looked at again because they fall on the first day of school and back to school night. Meeting dates will be brought up again.

I. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.