

# BERRYESSA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes

### Committee Members Present

Angela Torres	Parent, Summerdale Elem.
Ashok Annamalai	Parent, Laneview Elem.
Betty Chen	Parent, Cherrywood Elem.
Christy Boyd	Admin. Assist., Ed. Services
Connor Wilson	Teamsters
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.
Melissa Monges	Parent, Sierramont Middle
Shanna Brewer	Parent, Piedmont Middle
Thomas Carroll	Staff-Coordinator Ed. Services
Will Arroyo	Parent, Toyon Elementary

### Committee Members Absent

Chris Mosley	Staff-Principal
Dao (Denise) Pham	Parent, Northwood Elem.
Michelle Corpuz	Parent, Majestic Way Elem.
Parul Manglik	CSEA
Preetham Nayak	Parent, Brooktree Elem.
Yanet Segura-Herrera	Parent, Morrill Middle

### Staff and Guest

Brianna García	School Services of California
Harold Freiman	Attorney, Lozano Smith
Kevin Franklin	Assist. Supt., Bus. Serv.
Linette Hodson	School Services of California
Margot Sandoval	Admin. Assist., Bus. Serv.
Tony Kanastab	District Representative
Danny Norris	Director of MOT

- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Brianna García greeted the committee.
- B. Roll Call:** As roll call was taken, the committee members shared what education program they felt passionate about and would like to keep and maintain. It was determined a quorum was met. Brianna handed over the meeting to Thomas (Tom) Carroll, Committee Chairperson.
- Note that staff confirmed three committee members withdrew from the committee—Geetanjali Chakraborty, Thu Dang Gounalakis, and Ana Grabowski. In addition, a new member was added as a replacement—Melissa Monges.
- C. Meeting Minutes Review:** The committee reviewed the minutes.
- D. Questions on Facilities Presentation:** Brianna reminded the committee about “Parking Lot” questions, and asked if they had any to be added to the list. A committee member mentioned a lot of money is being spent on maintenance, and would like to see what the scoring would look like on all future Bond projects. Brianna mentioned that Facilities and Maintenance cost will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Brianna recognized the email sent by committee member Betty Chen.
  - Per the committee’s request, Brianna will break down the cost per student using total capacity.

- The committee was informed that a new portable building was going in at Vinci Park.
- It was noted that the question from Betty was resolved.
- Committee member Liz Escobar-Ausman requested that the consideration for the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting date change be added to the end of the agenda.

- E. Presentation of Educational/Student Support Services:** Dr. Joe McCreary was introduced and Brianna explained the rubric for the data that will be reviewed. Dr. McCreary began by sharing that the California School Dashboard (Dashboard) is an online tool designed to help educators and parents understand how school districts are performing. The committee was provided with the website address ([caschooldashboard.org](https://caschooldashboard.org)) for those who were interested. He explained the performance levels utilize a five-color scale and explained the state indicators. He also explained that Chronic Absenteeism is when a student misses 10% of the school year, and when looking at the Suspension Rate, the Dashboard looks at the number of students being suspended both during the current Dashboard year and the change as compared to the prior Dashboard year. (The use of both current and prior Dashboard year data is the same for all state indicators.)

As the committee reviewed the English Language Arts and Math Smarter Balance Assessments Site Comparison results, Dr. McCreary explained the scoring and how it related to each site. Additionally, he also reviewed the Dashboard results on the five state indicators for each individual school site.

The Special Education/504 programs were reviewed with the committee. Dr. McCreary explained the definition of each program and went over which schools provided them. He continued to note the additional services that are provided for each school by the district. He added the AVID program was left out of the three (3) middle schools. Brianna stated that she will add the programs to the scoring sheet.

- F. Site Analysis – Scoring and Pros and Cons:**

Brianna explained the criteria for site analysis. In this area, there are three (3) criteria (#12, #13, & #14). An example was given for criterion #12: School's that do not meet performance in two or more state priorities, scoring of Yes = 2, No = 1. Brooktree scores one (1) point because it does not have any indicators that fall in the orange or red. Laneview scores two (2) points because it does have three (3) indicators that fall in the orange or red. Noble scores one (1) point because it only has one (1) indicator that falls in the orange or red. See presentation pages showing indicators by school. Brianna added that the Berryessa Union School District scored better than the State average.

Criterion #13: District-wide/special programs that would need to be relocated, scoring of Yes = 1 and No = 2. Brianna continued to explain the rubrics and results for each criterion. When reviewing programs at all schools, it was noted that all programs can be relocated. Also, teachers have the ability to train-up for these programs.

Criterion #14: District-wide/special programs can be relocated, scoring of Yes = 2, No = 1, and N/A=0. A discussion began regarding the Parent Participation Program (PPP), as to whether or not it can be relocated. There are four (4) PPP classrooms at Noble school. The PPP is for grades K-3 and is based on a lottery system. Only 3 (three) PPP students are Noble resident students, and the rest are students who live outside Noble's boundary. It was also noted that there are 12 Mandarin Immersion classrooms at Cherrywood and Sierramont.

A committee member questioned the “N/A” scoring of “0” (zero) for schools that do not have a special/unique programs. The committee was asked if they want adjust the weight score to No or Yes. There was a consensus to keep it the way it is.

Brianna will make the adjustment.

- G. Visitor/Public Comments:** A community member shared that she believed that Summerdale’s Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program is missing from the unique programs list and believed it should be added and considered as unique to Summerdale. Dr. McCreary stated that the PBIS program is offered at 11 schools. The programs at Brooktree and Vinci Park Elementary Schools, and Sierremont Middle School are at year 1 (one) training. Next year, Laneview and Noble Elementary Schools, and Morrill Middle School will be at year 1 (one). Summerdale and Toyon Elementary Schools, and Piedmont Middle School are at year 2 (two).

**H. Next Steps:**

**Parking Lot Questions:**

- Rank order on the amount of money for each school beyond the bond projects.
- Is there any consideration or correlation to the number of students – a per/pupil cost? Use total capacity.
- Question about the process and if/when we might be discussing educational models such as K-8...
  - Can we have input of models that will be considered
- Number of students in the PPP and Mandarin Immersion that are residents vs on transfer into the site?
- Would it be helpful to hear what year each school is in for MTSS, PBIS, R and I?
- When can we take into consideration for school culture/climate? The idea of “The Secret Sauce.”
- What happens to PTA programs & funds if a school is closed?

**Meeting Date Change Discussion:** At the previous meeting, it was mentioned that the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting is the same day as the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school for Berryessa students, and it was recommended a date change be brought to the committee to consider holding the meeting on a different day. There was a consensus to hold the meeting on August 8, 2024.

An additional question was asked about restrooms: The committee member asked if the restrooms would have to be remodeled to accommodate students, and the answer was that all schools meet the restroom needs, so no restrooms will need to be modernized or added.

- I. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.