

**SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**

**05/21/2024 04:00 PM**

Meeting Via Zoom Only  
OPEN SESSION - 4:00 P.M.

## AGENDA

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### 2. CALL TO ORDER - 4:00 P.M.

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#### 1. Committee Member Role Call (5 minutes)


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##### 1. Committee member roll call (5 minutes)

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SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2024

**Committee Member Role Call**

Committee members in attendance: Lee Barron (Parent and Substitute Teacher), Sonia Castaneda (Teacher and English Language Coordinator and Chairperson of District English Learner Advisory Committee), Gina Cuclis (Sonoma County Board of Education, Area One Trustee), Susie Gallo (President of Mentoring Alliance), Laura Hoban (Co-President of Valley of the Moon Teachers Association and Teacher), Shoshana Signer (Parent), Greg Silvi (Vice Chairperson of District Advisory Council), Kimberly Smith (California School Employees Association and Office Manager in District), Trevor Smith (Chief Fire Marshal), Douglas Weidemann (Manager Maintenance and Operations SVUSD), Brandon Cutting (Chief of Police), David Guhin (Sonoma City Manager), Karly Miller (Parent), Maricarmen Reyes (Outreach and Event Coordinator for Sonoma Valley Community Health Center).

Committee members absent: Angelica Vargas (parent), Sydney Smith (Teacher and President of District Advisory Council), Kyra Sherman (Parent, Teacher, and Alumni).

Non-committee members in attendance: Superintendent Jeanette Rodriguez-Chien, Associate Superintendent Rena Seifts, Administrative Assistant Margaret Ludlow, Facilitator Harold Freiman.

**Overview of Committee Purpose**

Due to declining enrollment, stakeholders come together to look at data and possible reconfiguration and give recommendations to the Board of Trustees related to school consolidation.

3-1-1 ratio discussed at April 20, 2023 Board meeting should be an option for consideration but not the only option.

**School Financial Overview & Basic Aid Funding**

Sonoma is a basic aid funded school district. Total funding for 2024-2025 school year: \$55,080,705. Recommended reserve is 5-6%; current projection is 3.9%. District was in qualified status; now positive.

**Napa Valley Case Study**

Napa Valley Report was put together by a 7-11 Committee, whose purpose was to determine reuse; not consolidation. District used a two-step process, first looking at consolidation and then reuse. Used subcommittees because 40+ participants (per Karly Miller).

Add Q&A/FAQ section to Committee webpage.

**Reconfiguration Concepts**

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TK-2, 3-5, TK for dual immersion in Windsor (or something substantially similar to that model); TK-3, 4-6 in Bennet Valley (per Gina Cuclis). Possibility of dual immersion at Flowery and two sites divided by grades. Potential for relocation of dual immersion, including at Woodland Star.

More feasible to move elementary students to middle school than middle school students to elementary school. Middle school needs sports facilities.

**Data Requests from Prior Meetings**

Confirm enrollment and portable classroom data presented.

**Data Requests for Next Meeting**

- Request for “micro budgets” – what does it cost to run an elementary school site and middle school site?
- Request for clarification on how Perkins Eastman determined capacity; what was the formula for determining capacity?
- Request to have updated enrollment data from Perkins Eastman.
- Request for information on how much funding the District saved by closing Dunbar.
- Request for cost of implementing 3-1-1 ratio.
- Request for ratio of teachers, assistant principals, other staff needed when consolidating school sites.
- Request for breakdown of special education expenses
- Request for maximum capacity at Flowery.

**Calendar Next Meeting**

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, 2024

**Public Comment**

- Academic specialist from Flowery – has 17 classrooms and would need portables if additional students would be added.

**3. 2. Condition of School Facilities (15 minutes)**

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**3. 3. Special Programs (15 minutes)**

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**3. 4. School Closure Cost Savings / Per School Costs (15 minutes)**

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**3. 5. Reconfiguration / Consolidation Concepts (50 minutes)**

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**3. 6. Data Requests for Future Meetings (5 Minutes)**

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#### **4. NEXT MEETING (5 minutes)**

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##### **Recommendation(s)**

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