

Superintendent's Community Advisory Committee on  
Investing in Educational Excellence

**Meeting #14**

January 19, 2006, 7:30-9:30 a.m.  
John Stanford Center – Auditorium

Note: Recordings of the full meeting are available through the School Board Office

**Field Testing Update**

The poll went out yesterday and we hope for an analysis next week. Committee members were asked to set up meetings with individual Board member again to talk about the upcoming final report. The community meeting last Tuesday went well. It was a spirited meeting and the public wanted more detail, so a summary of details was developed to share at the upcoming Neighborhood Meet-Up Day meetings. There are currently 35 groups organized for the Meet-Up day.

**Final Draft Review**

The financial piece was reviewed in detail. The Committee agreed their recommendations need to be acted on as a full package over two+ years in order for the large use of one-time revenues in 06-07 to be viable in creating a sustainable budget. The Committee agreed we need to close schools and reduce transportation. It was decided not to prioritize enhancements; the recommendations are a package.

Introduction. There was discussion of the phrase "like other Districts" and it was decided to remove it because Seattle does have uniqueness and we don't want people to feel they are off-the-hook. The achievement gap needs to be more strongly mentioned throughout the report. Members were asked to write up any dissenting opinions and send them to Sara for the integration team as well as share them with the full committee.

Executive Summary. Make it clear that choice and decentralization are separate issues that need leadership. Change wording throughout the report from brave and fearless to words like resolute and bold.

State. Thanks to Glen Lee of the City, this section is now consistent with the financial review. Community involvement will be added as a strategy.

Village. Add back the paragraph about philanthropic community involvement and the District's need to include philanthropic groups in a long-term relationship. Make strong statements about the State's responsibility to fully fund education.

Implementation. There is a community-wide group coming together which is planning to lend strong support to the Committee's report. The purpose of the Committee's ongoing work will be assessment of progress; this community-wide group would lend support. Sara will work on defining success.

Yellow Highlights. Due to lack of time, send comments to Sara. Provide integration team input by the end of the week. January 26 is the last date for input to Sara.

**Adjournment**

The next full committee meeting is on Thursday, January 26 at 7:30 a.m. in the Auditorium.