




PTA Meetings December 2018

Discussion of Board of Education Goals

Board of Education Goals

2018-2019

1. Support the development of a long-term, district-wide plan that strategically addresses educational goals, declining enrollment, facilities, community impact, budget and cost-saving measures. Accomplish this through input from Superintendent recommendations, Board Ad Hoc committee, Shared Decision Making committee and community outreach.
2. Support efforts to foster a more positive culture and climate within the District; including the exploration of a Culture and Climate survey, initiatives to increase school spirit, ongoing diversity education for students and staff, commitment to [furthering] restorative justice training and practices, and a sustained effort to better publicize the district's accomplishments and reach the community through social media.
3. Increase student knowledge and engagement in civics, grades K-12.
4. Support the continued review of homework reform, including the revision of Board's Homework Policy with input from all stakeholders.



Board of Education Goals 2018-2019

- **How did we get here? A brief review of the recent history of our District.**

Some Perspective...

- Enrollment in 2004/2005 = 2,111
- Enrollment in 2017/2018 = 1,252
- *Decrease of 859 students*
- *Projected 2022/2023 = 1,172*
 - *Decrease of an additional 80 students*



Changes in the socioeconomic status of our student body.....

● 2004/2005

- Students eligible for reduced price meals = 8%
- Students eligible for free meals = 15%

● 2017/2018

- Students eligible for reduced price meals = 2.6%
- Students eligible for free meals = 42.4%

Changes in the diversity in our student body.....

(in terms dictated by NYSED)

Student Racial/Ethnic Origin	2004/2005	2017/2018
American Indian/Alaskan Native		4 / 0.3%
Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		24 / 1.9%
Subtotal (two categories above reported as one in 2004/2005):	43 / 1.9%	28 / 2.2%
Black or African American	59 / 2.6%	24 / 1.9%
Hispanic or Latino	66 / 3.0%	145 / 11.6%
White	1,943 / 87.2%	954 / 76.2%
Multi Racial (category did not exist in 2004/2005)		101 / 8.1%
	2,111	1,252



2004-2005 Middle Level Steering Committee

Mission:

The Committee was working to create a middle level school where the environment maximized the unique developmental needs of early adolescence. Task Force's purpose will be to advise the Board of Education of an educationally desirable, sound direction for the structure of the Middle School, and shall also consider whether the existence of a Middle School is the ideal model, or whether some other configuration would be more educationally and fiscally sound.



2004-2005 Middle Level Steering Committee

Recommendation: Create a separate Middle School that would have a distinct identity and an expanded grade configuration.



2010-2011

Middle School Task Force

Charge:

The Task Force's purpose will be to advise the Board of Education of an educationally desirable, sound direction for the structure of the Middle School, and shall also consider whether the existence of a Middle School is the ideal model, or whether some other configuration would be more educationally and fiscally sound.

In order to accomplish this, the Task Force will take into consideration past recommendations of the Future of the District Committee, Middle School Steering Committee, KSQ Architects as well as broader current data and educational findings. The Task Force shall also meet with the Interim Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent for Business, Director of Buildings and Grounds, Administrative Cabinet, Board Facilities Committee, Presidents of OTA and ONTEA, PTA Presidents and student representatives to gather input and feedback.

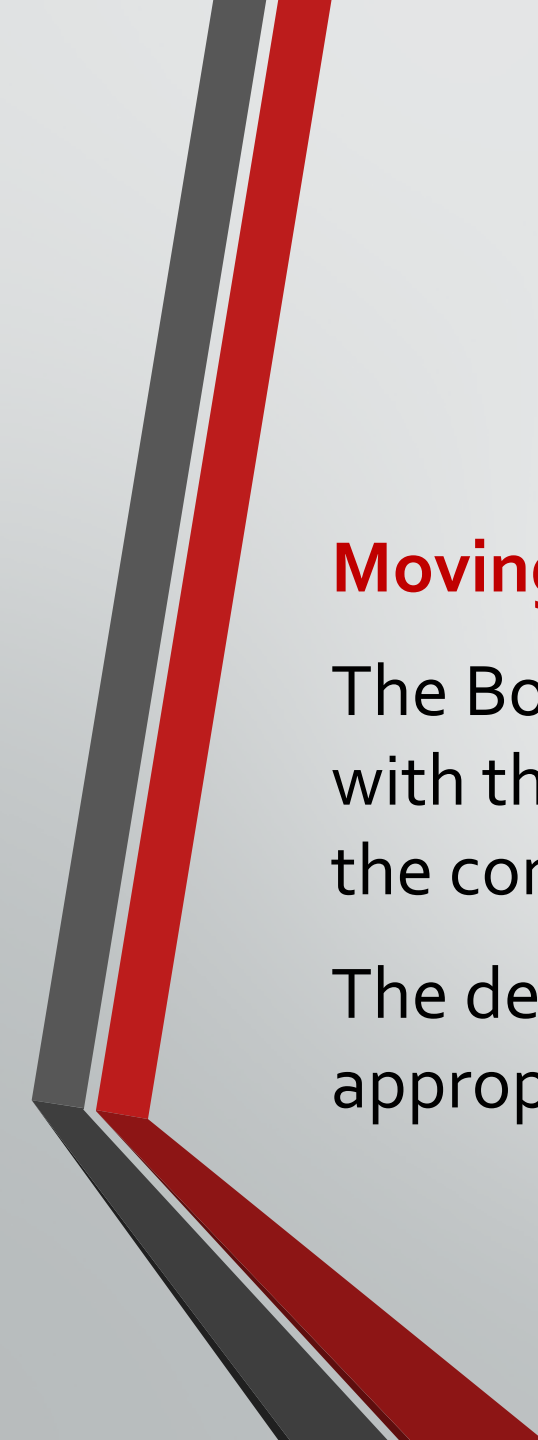
The Task Force shall present its recommendations to the Board of Education by the end of January 2011. These recommendations will take into account the unique nature of the District, school configuration, student population, available facilities and budgetary impact.



2010-2011 Middle School Task Force

Summary and conclusions:

- Although the research supports various configurations, the consensus of the 2010-2011 Task Force is to recommend a 6-8 Middle School configuration.



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Moving forward:

The Board will consider whether to bring in a consultant to assist us with the process of creating the long term plan for our district in the coming Board meetings.

The decision making process will be thoughtful and will allow for appropriate time for planning before implementing any changes.