



## Touch Points

### Human Resources

November 3, 2017

#### November Has Arrived!



There were lots of ghosts and goblins haunting Oak Grove School District this past week as schools hosted their annual Halloween parades and fall festivities. Thank you so much for all of the efforts you put in to building fun and exciting memories for our students. With all of the “grown up” pressures that are often placed on our children, it is wonderful to have opportunities for our students to use their imaginations and creativity in a fun way!

*Mia Hernandez enjoying the Costume Parade at Santa Teresa Elementary*

It is hard to believe that November is upon us. Don't forget to change your clocks on Sunday as Daylight Savings

comes to an end. Thanksgiving week is only two weeks away and Winter Break is around the corner. This first half of the year always goes by quickly. Enjoy the season as the days get shorter and the weather starts to cool down!

#### Consolidation Committee Update

This past Monday was the Consolidation Committee's sixth meeting. Up to this point, District staff has conducted several presentations for the purpose of building background knowledge for Committee members so they may be well informed as they make some difficult decisions regarding the schools they will recommend to the Board for consolidation. Presentations have addressed the topics of Facilities, lease properties, Educational Programs, student achievement, enrollment, and District budget. Throughout each meeting a list of further needed information is developed and District staff presents requested information at subsequent meetings. All

meeting agendas, presentations, and minutes can be found on the Districts website at [www.ogsd.net](http://www.ogsd.net). If you click on the “Board” tab and scroll down to “School Consolidation”, you will find all the information you need. Additionally, all Consolidation Committee meetings are held in public so you are welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the District Board Room and start promptly at 5:30p.m.

This past Monday the Committee worked on finalizing the evaluation criteria which will be used to make decisions on schools. The committee is charged with identifying a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) schools for potential school closure. The committee is to provide their recommendations to the Board no later than January 25, 2018. It is the Committee's hope that they will have a decision before the Winter Break.

Below is a copy of the draft Evaluation Criteria the Committee developed and revised this past Monday (as available on the District's website). The Committee utilized this criteria on Monday to do a dry run evaluating our Intermediate Schools. As a result, the criteria will be

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(Revisions per October 23, 2017)

#### Draft Evaluation Criteria

The committee will work through an exercise to finalize evaluation criteria. Criteria should be worded so that on a sliding scale, a YES response indicates the school is a good candidate for closure consideration.

1. There are neighboring schools to receive the school's student population
2. School enrollment is low (district average: K-6= 500, 7-8=745)
3. School vicinity (neighborhood) students attending the school is low
4. General Education students are bussed to the school
5. There are significant facility needs for the school
6. The school has limited capacity for future growth
7. School closure will not prevent keeping geographical neighborhoods together
8. The school does NOT have existing facilities that could necessitate significant cost expenditures if closed/moved
9. There is potential alternative use of the school that could generate additional revenue/cost savings
10. School does not house a district-wide special education program
11. If school is closed, there are no major safety issues regarding major thoroughfares and traffic flow to neighboring schools

further revised with the expectation that on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> the Committee will be able to begin to apply the criteria to each school. The hard work now begins! The Committee is truly dedicated to making the best decision for our District and student community.