

School Capacity & Utilization Task Force

Meeting Minutes #8

January 25, 2024, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Kessler Center – 1501 39th Ave SW, Puyallup

Members:

Present: Cynthia Balzarini, Ayden Berg, Lauralee Chamberlain, Ed Crow, Brian Devereux, Brian Fosnick, David Ham, Chris Harris, Bob Horton, Michele Jangula, Richard Lasso, Laura Marcoe, Brady Martin, Daniel Martinez, Michael McCanna, Ashley McClaran, Rae McNally, Jiquanda Nelson, Shelby Rice, Victoria Treffry, Rebecca Williams, Wendy Wright

Absent: Sarah Emily Aunspach, LaShawnda Baldwin, Greg Farias, Maria Finley, Jacob Gavre, Debbie Haworth, Nicole Helgeson, Julie Hunter, John Huson, Myra Josey, Karen Mool, Vince Pecchia, Amy Schweim, Jenna Slott.

Meeting Documents

Jan. 25, Mtg. #8, SCUT Agenda

Jan. 25, Mtg. #8 SCUT PPT

Jan. 11, Mtg. #7, SCUT Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Introduction

Brady welcomed the task force and reviewed the agenda.

Our OAC representative recapped Meeting #7 Minutes. The Jan. 11th meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the MS TEAMS School Capacity and Utilization Task Force page.

Recap Meeting #7

The meeting #7 learning targets were reviewed. Survey recap can be found on slide 15 of the PPT.

Learning targets for Meeting #8

The learning targets for meeting #8 were reviewed.

- Identify variables used for enrollment projection work.
- Time vs. Accuracy
- What “lens” are we looking through when developing an enrollment projection for Capital Facilities Planning?
- Using the updated enrollment information, identify the schools/area that need our focus moving forward.

Enrollment and Capacity Update

Brian began explaining the unexpected decline in enrollment of 250 students in the current 2023-24 school year, of which 182 were Puyallup Digital Learning (PDL) and Puyallup Parent Partnership Program (P4) students. Four historical enrollment graphs including K-12th, K-6th, 7th-9th and 10th-12th over the last 13 years, were displayed. With the low enrollment of kindergarten students this year it will have an impact on overall enrollment over the next 11 years.

Enrollment observations show there is a higher “cohort survival” rate at Rogers HS compared to the other comprehensive high schools between 2019-2023. Comparing enrollment from this October to last October, the high school level saw an increase, the junior high level across the district held steady and elementary enrollment had a decline in the 2023-2024 school year.

Brian spoke to the use of historical birth counts to help project incoming kindergarten enrollment, both at the county-level and at the district-wide level. A graph was shared showing school impact fee revenue, by month. This information is indicative of the residential new construction activity within the district. Another chart showed the district is tracking 3,214 housing units “in the pipeline” that may be constructed and occupied within the next five years.

The task force began a table activity where they were instructed to compare the 2023-24 nonresident student map and the 2022-23 student map. Also, to compare and contrast the elementary, junior high and high school attendance matrices from 2022 and 2023.

Members stated they noticed that the Region 2 schools received the most transfer in rates compared to other regions.

Student projections are based on birth data, mobility factors, and student yield factors. The Capital Facilities Projection aims to ensure the district is planning for enough space for future enrollment.

Group Activity:

- Review School Enrollment / Capacity Tables.
- Review School Enrollment Projection Charts.
- Identify the schools that need our focus moving forward.

Capital Facilities Projection (CAP) Preview:

Task force members see growth coming at Edgerton ES, Northwood ES, Puyallup HS, and Emerald Ridge HS. While Northwood is already over capacity. Victoria states that even with a grade reconfiguration at Northwood it would not help their situation.

Laura Marcoe mentions we commit to staffing in the spring before the start of school in the fall so these projections are looked at closely.

The Puyallup HS capacity does not include the library science building or the six additional portables to come since they are not occupied at this time. PHS will have a total of 19 portables next year.

Closing

Brady invited the members to use the QR code in the PPT to answer the exit question before leaving. Brady also invited everyone to the Patron Tour of Region 2 on Feb 6th. They will be giving an insider look at RHS, Stahl JH, and Firgrove ES, which also provides a sneak peek inside our central kitchen, EdTec, print shop and warehouse. The event starts at 8:30am and concludes at 1pm. A complimentary lunch is provided at the end of the tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Meeting #9

February 8, 2024, 5-7 p.m.

Karshner Center – 309 4th St NE, Puyallup, WA 98372