

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: June 6, 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 11-06-11

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: Partnership Academy Report

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- ATTACHMENTS: 1. Partnership Academy Long Range Planning Proposal Update
2. Current Staffing/Student Enrollment Data

PURPOSE: To provide the Orange County Board of Education (BOE) an update on the progress of the long range planning proposal for Partnership Academy that was presented to the BOE on March 16, 2009.

BACKGROUND: During the 2008-2009 school year, a committee consisting of school board members, district staff and the principal of Partnership Academy developed a proposed long-range plan for the district's alternative school. To that end, the committee presented a long-range plan to the BOE on March 16, 2009. The proposal consisted of several phases over a three-year period. A status report on the plan's specific goals is attached.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:	Phase II Building	\$322,500
	Furniture	\$70,000
	Technology (intercom, phones, smartboards, switched out desktops to laptops)	\$70,000
	*Staff	\$287,406.34
	Instructional Materials (NovaNet - year 2 of a 3-year contract for \$62,000)	\$62,000
	Total	\$811,906.34

*additional staff added beginning with the 2009-2010 school year

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the BOE receive for information the Partnership Academy Report.

PARTNERSHIP ACADEMY LONG-RANGE PLANNING PROPOSAL UPDATE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Susan Hallman – former Orange County Schools Board of Education Member
- Tony McKnight – Orange County Schools Board of Education Member/Chairman
- Ted Triebel – former Orange County Schools Board of Education Member
- Patrick Rhodes – Superintendent
- Dr. George McFarley – Chief Operating Officer
- Dr. Denise Morton – Chief Academic Officer
- Dr. Paige Marsh – Partnership Academy Principal
- Michael Gilbert – Public Information Officer

LONG RANGE PLANNING PROPOSAL

Goal	Outcome	Explanation
Addition of room divider/wall	Complete	Installed a wall to divide a classroom
Provide instructional materials for Exceptional Children students	Complete	EC provided reading materials to Partnership Academy
Increase access to textbooks and print materials	Complete	Any textbooks requested have been supplied. A small library has been established with ereader technology, i.e. nooks.
Initiate General Diploma Option	Complete	BOE approved policy in Dec. 2009
Provide more direct instruction coupled with online instruction	Complete	The additional teaching staff enabled staff to provide primarily direct instruction
Establish a middle school component	Not complete	Several middle school students are currently served at Partnership Academy
Separate setting/class for EC students	Not complete	Contingent upon Phase III
Evening Dropout Recovery Component	Not complete	Contingent upon funding
Summer Dropout Recovery Component	Complete	High school social workers provide the coordination of recovery efforts
Implement Day Treatment component for Middle Grades students	Complete	Established in Hillsborough in partnership with Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools
Training in Positive Behavior Intervention Support	Partially complete	PA staff have received training in Module I
Develop a short-term suspension alternative	Complete	Started second semester – served 23 OCS students at Boomerang
Career Development Component	Complete	Students received assistance on resumes, job applications, career assessments and Futures for Kids information
Addition of 2 dually certified middle school teachers	Not complete	Principal could not find any suitable candidates/Reposted as EC teacher
Addition of 2 certified high school teachers	Complete	1 English added August 2009 1 Math teacher added January 2009 1 Social Studies/CTE teacher added

		August 2009
Addition of 1 EC teacher	Temporarily added January 2011	Contracted with a retired EC teacher
Construct Phase II	Complete	Added 3,000 square feet
Begin construction of Phase III	Not Complete	
Transition component	Not Complete	Contingent on Phase III
Addition of Teaching Assistant for the alternative to short term suspension program	Not needed	Boomerang provides needed staff
Select new online instructional delivery system	Complete	The district is in the second year of a three-year contract using NovaNet
Change name of school from Partnership Academy Alternative School to Partnership Academy	Complete	Board of Education and state approved name change

2010-2011 CURRENT STAFF AT PARTNERSHIP ACADEMY

- 1 Principal
- 1 Exceptional Children's Teacher
- 1 Guidance Counselor
- 1 Science teacher
- 1 Math teacher - added January 2009
- 1 English teacher - added 2009-2010
- 1 Social Studies/CTE teacher – added 2009-2010
- 1 Contracted Exceptional Children's teacher – added January 2011 in lieu of Middle School position
- 1 School Social Worker – located at Hillsborough Elementary (shared position)
- 3 Exceptional Children's Teacher Assistants – 1 added mid-year 2009-2010 (works with all EC students)
 - 1 added January 2011 as crisis assistant (temporary)
 - 1 added May 2011 as crisis assistant (temporary)

- 1 Teacher Assistant – added 2010-2011- added December 2010 to manage VPHS lab and to facilitate the transfer of assignments between the traditional schools and Partnership Academy for “visiting” students. (Students enrolled in courses not offered at Partnership Academy) Funded from unspent funds due to teaching position being unfilled from September 2010 to January 2011. Has not been allocated as a permanent position.

- 1 Bookkeeper/Receptionist/NCWISE

STUDENT ENROLLMENT DATA

ETHNICITY/GENDER	NUMBER
BLACK MALE	13
WHITE MALE	20
BLACK FEMALE	5
WHITE FEMALE	8
HISPANIC MALE	2
MULTI-RACIAL	1
TOTAL	49

*2 were middle school students

*27 were Exceptional Children