



YAKIMA SCHOOL DISTRICT #7
Facilities Assessment Community Team - FACT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 15, 2024
Yakima, Washington

Members present

Adrienne Garner, Amanda Voorhees, Annie Blake, Craig Smith, Destiny Sanchez, Frances Logan, Hector Mendez, Jennifer Hernandez, Joy Haughton, Arlando Lara, Leslie Cornejo, Leslie Morris, Rich Austin, Rita Bravo, Robyn Harris, Samantha Howell, Steve Brownlow Noemi Carrasco

Non Voting Members present

Jake Kuper, Kim Newell, Liz Gonzalez , Hector Mendez, Dr. Maria Lucero

WELCOME & Introductions

Jake Kuper welcomed everyone to the FACT meeting and discussed with the committee the possibility of shifting the committee's direction. Rather than focusing on deciding which school to consolidate, the committee would instead evaluate whether there is a reasonable justification to consolidate a facility. The committee agreed with this approach and decided to move forward.

Meeting Minutes: Hector Mendez moved to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2024, meeting. Robyn Harris seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Bellevue School District Timeline

Kim reviewed the timeline with the committee (see link) that highlighted the timeline process for the consolidation of an Elementary school.

Review of Wenatchee School District (Board Presentation, Q&A & Analysis)

Kim and Jake reviewed the consolidation process at the Wenatchee School District. Kim reviewed the Wenatchee Board Presentation, Q&A and the Analysis. The committee reviewed the Q&A further and discussed different questions that they had.

Q: Will there be additional cuts for this upcoming year SY 25/26? We have to take a multi-year approach. Whenever we experience a decline in enrollment, we will need to adjust our staffing levels accordingly.

Q: In regards to class size how will consolidation affect the class ratios? Class size is not driven by how many schools we have. YSD needs to look at reboundary.

Historical FTE Elementary Capacity

Jake reviewed the Elementary capacity data with the committee which was provided as a handout.

- **Q: Would we get any more portables for capacity surplus?** Jake: No, we would not buy any new portables nor move any from a consolidated school. Jake stated Birth rate is a national issue.
- **Q: What is the current budget deficit?** Jake stated it depends on what the legislature does that will affect our overall school budget.
- **Q: Will we be running a bond and will you tell people that you will be consolidating a school?** If we did run a bond we would let people know we would be consolidating a school.
- **Q: If the bond is running during 2026 won't the consolidation process intersect?** Jake stated that transparency is important. Making sure nothing is contingent on each other. Trying to keep things as separate as possible is important. Making sure messaging is very clear and communicated correctly.

NEXT STEPS

- **Timeline Review:** Review Key milestones and deadlines for decisions-making and implementation.
- **Monitor Progress:** Establish a process for ongoing review and adjustment as next steps are carried out.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Next FACT Meeting: 2/12/2025, 6-8 p.m. In-Person at YSD PDC (101 S 6th Ave)