

Transition Team Meeting
April 21, 2009 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Middle School Library

Questions from the K thru 6th Grade Group

Culture/Autonomy/Activities

- Will there be an 8th grade promotion or a 6th grade promotion?
- Will we consolidate to one PTO? Site council?
- Will all grades have the Tiger Pride reward program?
- Will the students still have holiday parties? What grades will get them?
- What grade levels will have student council? Friends of Rachael?
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Logistics/Facilities/Scheduling/Moving

- How will students be assigned to the teachers? Can parents request a certain teacher?
- How will the bus schedule be set up? Will there be more bus routes?
- **How big will the classes be? Are the classrooms big enough for all of the teacher's items?** Will the teachers have enough cabinets and shelves? Will there be enough resources for the teachers? Will there be carpeted areas for reading groups like in our current grade schools.
- Will the younger students have lockers or cubby spaces? Are we bringing the lockers from Cummings and Lancaster?
- Can we have one or two bus routes for just the younger students?
- Can we install something in the classrooms to prevent echoing? Carpeted areas may help this.
- Can we make the rooms more kid friendly with paint and happy settings?
- Will parents and community members be able to help with the moving of the playground equipment?
- What will the playground look like and how long will it take to get it there?
- Where will the **secretary's office be in the 2nd thru 6th building?** How will we know where to go?
- Will there be a designated art room?
- Where will the kids go in the mornings? The gym? How will they be dismissed at the end of the day to load the busses?
- **How many Para's will be in each building?**
- What will happen to the extra books, furniture, equipment, etc?
- Can teachers share equipment?
- Will the elevator be fixed?
- Will the district purchase the boxes needed to move everything?
- When will the moving start? End?
- Will there be a restroom schedule?
- What will we do with the air conditioners?
- Will we hire additional maintenance during the summer to prepare for the transition?
- Will there be a pop machine for teachers?
- How will the children be put on the busses? Will they be taken out to the busses by classes? Will they change busses at all?
- Does having an additional grade in the middle school affect the lunchroom?
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Academic/Behavioral Expectations/Social-Emotional

- What can we do to make the students adjust to a bigger building? How can we make the older students feel that they are the **“big” kids now and that they are not going back to “grade” school.**
- Are we keeping the AR program?
- Will 5th & 6th grades still change classes? If so, will this bother the younger students when they are in the hallways.
- Will the younger students who are advanced have a chance to take advanced classes?
- Will there be computers in the classrooms? Where will the mobile labs go?
- Will PE & music be every day? Art and Library?
- Will books be available at the middle school for 5th & 6th grade students who read at a higher level?
- What grades will have recess?
- Do the 5th & 6th grades need recess since they have PE every day.
- Will the 5th & 6th grades dress out for PE?
- What will happen to 6th grade band?
- Can there be an after school program? A Big Brothers/Sisters program? If so, will there be an activities route?
- Will there be grade cards for all the grade levels or will the younger children still have standards?
- Will 5th & 6th grades have RIF?
- Will discipline be the same for all grades?
- How will you handle bullying? How much interaction will the 6th graders have with the 2nd graders?
- Will Special Ed students go out of the room for one-on-one time?
- Will the speech therapist still be available?
- How will the Special Ed program be run?
- Will they still get fieldtrips?
- How will parent teacher conferences be held?
- Will the AR rewards and incentives be the same for all grades?
- Will the title teachers be in the rooms? Can title be extended to 5th & 6th grades?
- What will the 5th & 6th model look like?