

## Charter/Choice Programming Committee

“The charge of this committee is to provide guidance and recommendations to the School Board, relating to its role as authorizer of current and future ECASD Charter/Choice Schools. This will encourage innovation that could increase our ability to provide diverse programming and methodologies. Through this investigation and advisement the committee can support the increase in student readiness for and success in ECASD programming and post-secondary options.”

**School:** District Office      **Date:** 10/13/2015      **Time:** 4:00 pm

**Meeting Recorder:** Sandy LaValley

**Committee Norms:** Honest & open dialogue

### **Committee Members Present & Position/Employee Group**

Tracy Bush, Ad Hoc Member

Melissa Greer, Elementary Teacher

Gail Halmstad, Ad Hoc Member

Chris Hambuch-Boyle/BOE

Jeremy Harrison, CV Montessori

Todd Johnson, CVM Principal/Co-Chair

Tim Leibham/District Office Admin

Pete Riley/McKinley Head of

Rich Spindler/BOE

Instruction/Co-Chair

Absent: Derick Black, Doug Diermeier, Mike Kohls

### **1. Welcome and Warm-Up Video**

Pete Riley shared a short video, The Best Kindergarten You've Ever Seen, which shared the architecture and concept of an oval-shaped, open concept kindergarten classroom in Tokyo, designed by architect Takaharu Tezuka.

**2. Review and Feedback: Innovation Zone Policy** Todd Johnson distributed Policy No. 0105 from the Tacoma School District No 10, Innovating for Achievement. The policy included a Vision Statement, Definitions of Innovation and Innovation Zone, Alignment with Strategic Plan, Access and Awareness, Community Engagement, Creativity and Accountability, Implementation, and Policy Review. Committee members divided into three groups to discuss items they found interesting and/or items they questioned and then shared these as a large group.

The members read through the Eau Claire School District's 151-Rule: Procedures for Drafting New Board Policy and/or Administrative Rules and Regulations. This helped prepare the group for work on the draft policy, Innovation Zone Draft 332. The committee members reviewed the draft policy, split into three groups to discuss each portion of the draft policy, and then came together to suggest revisions. Our goal is to present to Policy & Governance on November 1 and the first reading at the November 2 Board Meeting.

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### Innovation Zone: Draft 332 (?)

The ECASD will consider the establishment of innovative schools or programs.

- *Innovation is defined as.....(Tacoma) Innovation Zone is defined as ... defined period of time*

The BOE believes the creation of innovative programming will assist the Board of Education to accomplish the goals in the Strategic Plan.

While Innovation Zones are independent and separate from the conventional program, they shall be established and sustained in a positive climate of collaboration among all entities of the ECASD. Innovation Zones shall be defined in a Performance Agreement. The following components shall be included in the Performance Agreement: identified/defined educational needs & populations, approved autonomies, specified accountability outcomes, comply with state and federal educational requirements, program structure and location, defined period of time, methodologies, and outcomes shall be detailed in a Performance Agreement. equitable access, fiscally responsible. Transportation shall be provided in a manner it is offered to other students in the ECASD, unless it is exempt in the Performance Agreement. Performance Agreements shall be withdrawn based on documented reasons.

~~Zone attendance areas may be the ECASD boundary.~~ .

Innovation Zones, and corresponding Performance Agreements, shall be approved by the BOE and shall be monitored by the Executive Director of Administration through the Charter/Choice Programming Committee, with direct report to the Superintendent and/or BOE.

All Innovation Participation in an Innovation Zone is purely voluntary for families, students, and staff

### **3. Innovative School Network Membership**

Todd Johnson shared the benefits of joining the Innovative School Network (handout), which is a one-time membership fee of \$5,000. Membership will open the door to grow our system, tap into expertise coaching and visit schools that are part of this network. The group unanimously agreed to join. The Innovative Schools Network website can be found at: <http://www.innovativeschoolsnetwork.com/>.

### **4. Next Steps and Meetings**

Tim Leibham will “clean up” and send the Draft Policy to committee members. Information will be submitted soon for the District Update that is a weekly email sent to all district employees.

#### Upcoming scheduled meetings:

**Wednesday, October 21**, for any committee members able to meet from 4 – 5 pm in Room 123B to review the Draft Policy before submitting to Policy & Governance.

**Tuesday, November 10**, is our next regularly scheduled meeting from 4 – 6pm in Room 123B.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.