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Subject: Re: CCSD Board Update 2 27 23  
Date: February 27, 2023 at 11:11:26 AM AKST  
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Timeframe: the extent of the construction/transition phases

Charge: assist with the logistics of transferring the middle and elementary schools to and from the temporary location along with any other planning/facilitation needs (activities, etc)

Final product: work with all entities of CCSD and staff to discuss/troubleshoot concerns/potential issues and to assist in providing for a smooth transition to/from temporary locations of the schools, assisting with logistics and planning to prevent issues and surprises along the way. The goal would be to provide for transparency, preparation, and a teamwork approach to proactively allow for normalcy of school and all activities for students WITHOUT the potential of cancelling events/activities/schooling due to poor preparation and communication.

Ideally, the committee would include: Administrative staff, School Board representation, Principals, ADs, athletic coaches, class representatives, teachers, support staff, School tech dept, school maintenance and janitorial dept, PTSA, city planning/recreation representatives, parents, community members, CTA, Liberty Church, and any additional entities on demand as necessary (Kitchen staff, library, student council representation)

Thanks,  
Trish

On Mon, Feb 27, 2023 at 8:34 AM Chris Reitan  
<[creitan@craigschools.com](mailto:creitan@craigschools.com)> wrote:  
Trish,

Sounds good. I'd be thinking about a timeframe for the committee as well as the explicit charge of the committee and what the final Board desires for a final product.

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On Feb 27, 2023, at 8:30 AM, Trish Conatser  
<[trishconatser@craigschools.com](mailto:trishconatser@craigschools.com)> wrote:

Good morning,

I am proposing an agenda item to establish a “construction logistics committee” pending bid approval with the March 15th school board meeting.

This committee would allow for multiple different view points within the district to assist with the process of transferring the middle school to the temporary location. This feat should not be taken lightly and a committee would allow for appropriate anticipation of issues, troubleshooting, and active engagement with the community to help our school during this transition.

Please let me know if you have any questions, otherwise, please add this item to the March 15th agenda.

Kindly,  
Trish

On Sun, Feb 26, 2023 at 9:56 AM Chris Reitan  
<[creitan@craigschools.com](mailto:creitan@craigschools.com)> wrote:  
Good morning,

I wanted to provide the Board an update on some items that were discussed during our Wednesday, February 22 CCSD Board meeting where new information is now available.

**Staffing for the 2023-2024 School Year** - Our CCSD interview committees continue to work through our applicants. The committees have done an excellent job of interviewing candidates immediately to ensure that CCSD has the best shot possible of securing certified teachers in this really difficult market. As a side note

the Alaska Teacher Placement office held their annual Alaska Teacher Job Fair on Friday, February 24 and Saturday, February 25. Twenty-two districts attended with 44 people who registered for the event. There are currently over 1200 position openings advertised on the Alaska Teacher Placement website. This used to be the preeminent recruiting event for Alaska school districts with thousands of people attending. The teacher shortage in Alaska and in the U.S. is going to get more difficult in the next couple of years.

- CHS Science and Math Teaching Position - Position offered and accepted by Stephen DeHart.
  - CES 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teaching Position – Position offered and accepted by Grace Beckman
  - CCSD Title 1 Teacher and District Test Coordinator - Position offered and accepted by Christy House
  - CMS/CHS PE and Health Teacher - Position was offered and verbally accepted on Friday, February 24. A letter of intent has been emailed to the candidate.
  - CES Special Education Teaching Positions - CCSD has made a couple of offers to date that have been declined. CCSD is currently interviewing a teaching couple where both have special education certification. The position remains advertised.
- CHS Biomass Project** - Our CHS Biomass Project went out for bid on Friday, February 24.

**CCSD 2023-2024 Calendar Development/CMS and CES Major Maintenance Projects** - On Friday, February 24 CCSD held a voluntary staff and parent meeting to address questions related to the development of our 2023-2024 school calendars and our CMS and CES major maintenance projects. Approximately 40 people attended the meeting. From my perspective the meeting went well. The district was able to address all of the questions that surfaced during the meeting and hopefully if any new questions arise people will just ask. I have copied and pasted an email that I sent earlier this morning to the Craig Education Association's leadership committee. Because our school construction calendar would necessitate a change to our current certified negotiated agreement, CEA ultimately needs to approve our construction calendar prior to it moving to Board approval. My hope is that CEA can address this need well before our March 15 CCSD Board meeting.

Good morning,

First, thanks for recommending the meeting on Friday afternoon with our staff and parents regarding the development of our 2023-2024 school calendars and how this process is being influenced by our CMS and CES

major maintenance projects. Hopefully the meeting answered everyone's questions and will provide an opening for anyone who might have additional questions to just ask.

Second, I've attached the two "draft construction calendars" to this email and am asking that CEA prioritizes approval for one of the "construction calendars."

It would be my hope that we would have the "traditional" CCSD calendar that the Calendar Committee developed as well as the CEA approved "construction calendar" available for the March 15 CCSD Board meeting as first readings.

Thanks in advance for your help with this matter; if you could give me a sense of when CEA might meet to discuss it would be helpful to share this information with the CCSD Board so that they are aware of potential timelines.

**CCSD March 15, 2023 Board Meeting** - We are scheduled for our next Board meeting on Wednesday, March 15 at 8:15pm in the CHS library. Attached for Board member's review is our draft agenda as it is currently developed.

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