

# Update from the Fourth Advisory Committee Meeting

## Eastside Families,

We met for the fourth time yesterday, and we spent a fair amount of time talking about logistics of the next week.

There was one decision made by the teachers, and several more issues that are almost at consensus, but that need a little bit more discussion and clarification before the teachers can all feel comfortable committing to these items. The teachers have decided to pursue a partnership with Pacific University (the details of this partnership will be forth coming). The other areas where consensus is building are on the organization of the professional learning communities, cultural responsiveness and how to mix ages in projects and the arts block. These issues will be discussed further at the campus meeting next week.

One comment that was made is that there has been much discussion about addressing the needs of individual students within the teams of teachers that are being formed. It was mentioned that many different techniques will likely be used to address individual students' educational needs including but not limited to curriculum differentiation and ability grouping when appropriate. There is a rough schedule of the day that is in development, and there is nothing in the current schedule that precludes students from moving where they need to be for math if it is in the student's best interest.

It would be helpful to **hear from parents** about:

1. mixing of ages in projects and in the art block
2. how to divide up the school K-3, 4-5 or some other way without the school feeling like it is divided

**Comments will again be compiled into a report, if they are received by Tuesday, February 3 at 3:00 PM.**

The Advisory Committee will do the presentation to the board next week. Advisory Committee parents will participate in the presentation. We will likely all stand together with one or two spokespersons for the group. **We really need as many parents to come to the school board meeting next week as possible.** Childcare will be provided at Harris, starting at 6:30, for parents who need it.

**It is at the: 4J Central District Offices  
200 North Monroe  
Wednesday, February 4, 2009  
7:00 PM  
Childcare will be available at Harris/Eastside (see above)**

Regards, Tom, Sarah and Tamara