

Notes for February 28, 2007 meeting

In attendance:

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First Task:

Take recent parent survey and separate into piles based on question 5:  
"Based on what you've read so far, would you like your child to participate in Expanded Learning Time at Gateway Middle School."

The "No" piles were separated into willing to discuss and "adamantly" no.

Yes: 119

No, and unwilling to discuss: 47

No, but willing to discuss: 34

Maybe: 16

TOTAL: Surveys sent 440

216 replied

119 yes

50 sitting on the "fence"

47 flat out no

Strong representative sample.

Take recent teacher survey and separate into piles based on question 4:  
"Are you willing to participate in further discussions regarding Expanding Learning Time."

Yes, willing to discuss: 20

No, unwilling to discuss: 10

Maybe: 2

TOTAL: Surveys answered: 32

Strong representative sample.

Strong indication that we should continue with our study.

**Second Task: Come up with answers for upcoming ELT conference.**

**Why is your school pursuing ELT?**

Primary:

1. Rural community needs the outlets for the kids.

Secondary:

1. If this is DOE's trend, we want to be proactive in out planning.

**What challenges are you facing or do you anticipate facing in this planning process?**

Primary:

1. Our geographic location creates an obstacle for reaching outside resources. Therefore, our education planning must include serious attention to this issue.
2. As the second largest (geographic) district in the state, travel is sometimes an issue for parents. Many of our children have to get to a local bus stop without the benefit of sidewalks.

**What is the status of your planning efforts so far?**

We are optimistic because in response to our parent and teacher surveys, we have a majority who are at least interested in pursuing discussion and planning.