

**Building Better Schools
Draft Plan - November 2003**

Goals

Draft plan and January 04 update/additions

Additional activities

personal board level by charter note
Increase # of applications
more outreach

BCPSS policy as flex as possible
assess as project & should CER data in another city 1st

| GOAL: Successful applications for charter from Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS) | | |
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| Primary | | |
| Area | Activities | Details/notes/additions |
| <p>1. Amend BCPSS policy to enable early application and make application process manageable.</p> <p>All roads lead here - activities include direct work with school officials and generating interest among applicants and other groups to add pressure</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise BCPSS application by 11/7 • Assess individual school board members (Stone, Bell, Stringfield). Meetings by November 15. • Mayor's office and his appointees (Stone, <u>Bell</u> and Education Advisor- Annabel Sher), Meetings by November 15. <p>Call Jeanne Hitchcock and Annabelle Sher.</p> <p><i>Meet w/ City Council - Pugh strikes</i> Set up meeting with Keiffer Mitchell (Councilman) and Catherine Pugh (Councilwoman). Keiffer close to mayor and has been asked to join New Schools Advisory board. Also on Midtown</p> | <p>Application was rewritten using Indianapolis and SUNY as a guide. Draft provided to Janssen in November, several changes and revisions made; draft provided to Advisory Board 12/16. Based on additional feedback, revision completed and given to Janssen 1/2/04. Several policy questions identified that will be researched and reviewed with CEO Copeland 1/20. CB will attend this meeting.</p> <p>11/13/03 -- Talked with David Stone. He is interested in staying updated on charter. Thinks some board members view charter as necessary evil. Thinks idea of getting a couple of board members to the right city would be a good idea. Activley participates in Charter/New schools Asdvsory groups.</p> <p>Never has response from Sher, followed up once. Letter to OMalley 1/7/04</p> <p>Meeting with Grennip 11/17/04. Inrtroduced project. She was to be updated on progress we make n Baltoirpe. Letter to Greenip 1/7/04 suggesting she request a report from MSDE on policies received and restrictions in those prolacies.</p> <p>Met with 2 members of City COUNCIL. One want s to personally involved. The second was more of a courtesy call. Will send</p> |

w/ a response card

Stenke' starts maybe separate challenge limits of global policy esp limit of # of schools

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| <p>Generate Applicants -</p> <p>Weed for organizational capacity, fiscal stability to determine and rank potential.</p> <p>Goal is to get applicants and parents invested in opening and able to add to pressure to loosen up policy.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and assess for both Management Companies and Charter Operator Prospects for feasibility. On-going <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List existing possible. Done. Assess their capabilities and report. Set up meetings with existing list. In process, by November 15. Report results of meetings. Outreach strategy – Explore media scope and options. Meet with New Schools Advisory Board - will make recommendations for approval to School Board Make contact with Education, Community Groups, Schools <p>Ask Anthony McCarthy, WEAA and Melody Simmons (WYPR) to do story on charter.</p> <p>Explore with city series of information sessions at North avenue for people to learn about</p> | <p>6 actively development applications. 1 very determined to pursue 04 opening and has the capacity. 1 very interested in looking at operator. Details in previous memo.</p> <p><i>Detail of potential applicant</i></p> <p>Met (socially) reporter for WYPR (local NPR). She wants to do story on charter. She has covered Midtown Academy in the past.</p> <p><i>(Symbol)</i></p> <p>Janssen is open to my attendance at Charter/New Schools Advisory Board.</p> <p><i>M of I Greater WYPR</i></p> <p><i>Sched New Acorn PCAB</i></p> <p>Scheduling meeting with parent groups via ACORN; education advocate volunteers (Baltimore Education Network) and Advocates for Children and Youth.</p> <p><i>(Symbol)</i></p> <p>Working with Laruar Weeldreyer on TA plan for applications.</p> |

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| | charter pre-application. | Possible day of access to BCPSS staff and current new schools operators and consultants. |
| Secondary - lead to creating applicants and pressure on timeline | | |
| <p>Create Options</p> <p>Match city needs to providers to increase pressure on need to be flexible, especially with timeline.</p> <p>Generates applicants which adds to pool of persons and groups interested in pushing for more flexibility</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with City Board and staff - system needs - particular neighborhoods and populations. Exploratory - what are they looking for? Meetings by November 15. <p>Look at overcrowded schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify providers elsewhere. This week. Identify conversion school options. This week. | <p>Janssen and Advosoriy Board are interested in not setting priority catageoreise but responding to any request that comes in.</p> <p><i>develop Chava/NS contracts network</i></p> <p>City is proimariyo interested in new schools, not in forcing conversion at this point.</p> <p><i>keep operators in formal but active involvement not new</i></p> |
| Development and TA plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify existing resources including materials and models, funders, technical assistance, federal funds, NCLB <p>Identify TA potential at CER.</p> <p>Assess role in potential TA support for system in conjunction with local funders.</p> | <p>Casey Fdtn may provide access to New American Schools.</p> <p><i>fauties</i></p> <p><i>help of fundy request</i></p> <p>Application development led to list of policy/legal issues - e.g. can 0-based staffing be negotiated in the contract.</p> <p><i>have access to city</i></p> <p><i>understand - involve into city</i></p> |
| Other | Space | Best option - usie of unoccupied room in space being occupied by a non profit called Community Schools. Costs would be contribution to uitlites, possible creation of extra DSL hooop-up. |

*2 groups interested in operators
 send to Fla + NY have ops come into city*

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| | Foundation | <p>Local foundations are meeting tomorrow about supporting charter. I will not be there but former colleague from Abell will be. I am sending her notes describing current activity.</p> <p>Have meeting set for Thurs 11/13 at Casey Foundation. Meeting with Lisa Kane and Bonnie Legro. Local funders are interested in looking at TA assistance to System as well as applicants. Resources system needs to be user friendly and to best manage the charter process (bring in TA? Limited travel?)</p> |
| | Other | |

Looking ahead:

- At end of November we should be able to answer
- How many viable groups have been found?
 - How many inquires, assessed and not assessed?
 - What is available for training and development?
 - Training - groups and/or individual plans for December

• Develop charter school development resource -

best of existing pub
 local w/ an policy / law
 contacts
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 c3
 faculty