

**CCPS Redistricting and School Closing Committee
Meeting Minutes-Approved**

June 14, 2018

Charles I. Ecker Board Room, 125 N. Court Street, Westminster, MD 21157

Committee Members Present: Dr. David Lever, Michael Hardesty, Raymond Prokop, Christina McGann, Denise Beaver, Vaughn Paylor, Dr. Margaret Pfaff, Rosemary Kitzinger, Steve Aquino, Rita Misra, Robert McCarthy, Sean McKillop

CCPS Support Staff Present: William Caine and Anita Stubenrauch

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Kahney

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Lever at 5:30 pm.

The minutes from RSCC Meeting #4 were approved. Bob McCarthy motioned for the approval and the motion was seconded by Steve Aquino.

The minutes from RSCC Meeting #5 were approved. Vaughn Paylor motioned for the approval and the motion was seconded by Steve Aquino.

The minutes from RSCC Meeting #6 were approved. Steve Aquino motioned for the approval and the motion was seconded by Vaughn Paylor.

Margaret Pfaff presented Subcommittee # 2: Educational findings.

Three areas were specifically looked at:

1. Existing programs: Understanding the needs that should be considered during discussions in summer.
2. Grade Configuration: There is a lot of research available, but the research findings all indicated that there are too many variables to state specifically that one grade configuration is better than others. The general consensus among high school administrators that were interviewed had many concerns about placing 8th grade in high schools. The elementary administrators interviewed felt that 6th grade could work, but only if there was space available for the extra students.

3. Specific Programs: They visited all the schools that housed regional programs: BEST, Autism, PRIDE, and Regional Special Education centers. The general conclusion from staff and administration is more space is needed, and more storage space specifically.

Gifted and Talented mentioned but not thoroughly discussed. Possible to look into this program at a later date.

Michael Hardesty presented a PowerPoint presentation summarizing Subcommittee #1 Boundary findings.

After the presentations, Dr. Lever asked each member to state their top three issues that the RSCC Committee should be including in their final report. Based on the responses, the largest number of members were concerned about the following issues:

1. Comprehensive Redistricting
2. East Middle School condition
3. Programmatic Issues – Special programs

Dr. Lever stated that the goals for the next meeting would be:

- To develop the range of options
- To determine what options can be removed from consideration
- To spell out the implications of each option.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Charles Eckard Room at Central office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.