

CCPS Redistricting and School Closing Committee
Approved Meeting Minutes—East Middle School
July 26, 2018

Committee Members Present: Dr. David Lever, Michael Hardesty, Denise Beaver, Margaret Pfaff, Erin Yeagley, Robert McCarthy, Rita Misra, Rosemary Kitzinger, and Sean McKiliop.

CCPS Support Staff Present: William Caine and Anita Stubenrauch

Recording Secretary: Kim Gold

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm.

The minutes from July 12, 2018 will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting, along with tonight's meeting minutes.

Before the meeting began the committee was taken on a tour of East Middle School by the schools two vice principals, Dan Black and Michael Golden (5:30-6:10 p.m.).

Anita Stubenrauch presented on different mapping options to show the methods that would be used to show how students could be reallocated to other schools around the county if a closure were to occur. Mike Hardesty reminded the committee and the community members present that comprehensive redistricting would affect every school and every bus route. It would be a huge task with many man hours for the Transportation Department to reroute all the students to schools all over the county.

Dr. Lever reported to the committee on a letter he had written to the Board President requesting guidance on the level of detail to be included in the options that will be presented by the RSCC, and on the schedule. Informally, he understands that the Board wishes to remain on schedule for the meeting of September 12 and for the committee to present as much information as can be reasonably expected on each option.

Dr. Lever let the committee know that the main objective of this evening's meeting was to develop the Planning Options matrix; each team of two would report out on the impact of each Option on the particular Planning Objective they were assigned. The matrix will be used to filter the list of options, from the current 10, that will then be presented to the Board at the September 12th meeting. At that point the Board will discuss the options and determine what the next steps should be moving forward.

The committee discussed the most recent East Middle School (option III.F) that Christina McGann presented at the last meeting. It was determined that this option was not favorable but would remain on the list as an option that was discussed.

The committee then went on to discuss the prioritization of options done by the teams using the evaluation matrix. Each team explained the weight they gave for each Planning Option and Planning Objective. If there was any controversy on the weighting the committee discussed it before finalizing the number. It was determined to break out two options under the “East Middle School Facility with Improvements” option. Option III. A. 1. would become ‘retain current facility with limited improvements’ and Option III A. 2. would become ‘full modernization of the facility.’

If there were question marks in the matrix Rita questioned if that meant we needed to get more information in those areas to make an educated weighting. It was confirmed that more information may be needed, but in addition that it is essential to more tightly define these areas and get the assumptions correct so that the weighting can be done with a more informed group. There was a great deal of discussion about the assumptions that should be made explicit for each of the Planning Options.

Dr. Lever wanted the committee to pause on this task and take a deep look at it again after the meeting ended. Then, at the next meeting the committee will briefly review the matrix to make sure there have been no changes and to clarify any options that had question marks.

The next meeting will be on August 9th from 5:30-8:30pm. The meeting location is tentatively scheduled for West Middle School. It was confirmed that the meeting would not a public hearing, strictly an open meeting for community members to attend if they desire.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.