

CCPS Redistricting and School Closure Committee

Meeting Minutes--West Middle School

August 9, 2018

Committee Members Present: Dr. David Lever, Raymond Prokop, Christina McGann, Margaret Pfaff, Erin Yeagley, Robert McCarthy, Rita Misra, Rosemary Kitzinger, Steve Aquino, Vaughn Paylor, and Sean McKillop

CCPS Support Staff Present: Anita Stubenrauch and William Caine

Recording Secretary: Kim Gold

Before the meeting began, Tom Hill, Director of Middle Schools for Carroll County Public Schools, took the committee on a tour of West Middle School.

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm.

The minutes from July 12th and July 26th were motioned for approval and seconded by Ray Prokop.

Dr. Lever asked Margaret Pfaff to review and then give him feedback on a proposal he received from a community member, Dawn Nee, Esq. Bob McCarthy has agreed to go through and put together all the emails that have been received from community members so they are organized.

It was determined that a glossary of terms will need to accompany the final report in order to ensure that everyone understands the abbreviations. Dr. Lever asked Anita Stubenrauch to check on this and let him know if she finds the one used for the BAC.

Dr. Lever referred to the Options for Consideration document (draft) with the compilation of the evaluation score/priority order. Conversation occurred regarding the items on the matrix that had question marks present at the end of the last meeting.

It was decided to change the first question mark under option #1 (operating expenses) to a "0" with an asterisk because there was not enough adequate information to make an informed weighting. This weighting does not change the total score, and therefore, does not impact where the option is in the consideration list.

It was then decided to change the second question mark under option #2 (functional setting) to a "-3" because any school closure will somehow negatively impact the functional setting. This changes the total score to a -2 and keeps it in the options eliminated section.

It was then decided to change the "3" under option #4B (functional setting) to a "-3" because it should be weighted the same as the previous option since it involves closing a school. This weighting changes the overall score to a 1 which causes it to fall into the options eliminated section.

It was then decided to change the “3” under option 4A (operational expenses) to a “0” based on conversations regarding the topic. The weighting changes the overall score to 4 and it will still remain in the options to be considered section.

Now that the matrix has been completed and the overall evaluation scores have been computed, the committee must decide how many options they will present to the Board. A section of the report that is given to the Board will also cover all the options discussed, even if they were eliminated due to their low evaluation scores.

Dr. Lever discussed certain things that need to be considered and researched further for the options that the committee decides to present to the Board. One of those things is an approximate or range of costs for implementing each of the options.

Dr. Lever plans to have a write-up to the committee a week from today. The committee will then have a week to look over the write-up and give feedback and comments to him. At the next meeting the committee would discuss the write-up in depth and make any necessary recommendations or changes.

Ray Prokop will talk to Jon O’Neal and Dr. Lockard to find out the date that the write-up would be due for previewing prior to the September board meeting.

It was suggested that if any committee member wanted to share their thoughts about the challenges and issues that the RSCC faced while working through all the options and the task at hand that they should send them to David. He would then decide which to include in the write-up, if any, and then the committee would evaluate them after the draft had been completed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 23rd from 5:30-8:30 at the Board of Education. The meeting on August 30th will be held as a tentative meeting date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.