



**CCPS Redistricting and School Closing
Committee Meeting Minutes –
(Approved-3/28/18)
March 7, 2018**

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

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

CCPS Support Staff Present: Gregory Bricca, William Caine, Gary Davis, Christopher Hartlove, Steven Johnson, Jonathan O'Neal, Anita Stubenrauch

Recording Secretary: Cindy Patterson

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m.

Dr. Lever introduced himself as the facilitator for the committee and distributed an agenda for this first meeting (attachment 1). Committee members were asked to introduce themselves, provide a brief background of themselves, and what their expectations are as a committee member.

Dr. Lever provided an overview of the committee's purpose, their role as a committee member and his expectations of the committee. He explained that it is necessary to have tangible benefits before considering school closures. The purpose of this committee is broadly defined by the School Board's Goals for Redistricting and/or School Closure (attachment 2) and the Parameters for the RSCC (attachment 3), but needs to be worked out in more detail by the committee. He also distributed a recent history of various CCPS facility utilization studies starting in May 2012 (attachment 4), a suggested meeting schedule (attachment 5), and proposed rules of order (attachment 6).

Ms. Rochelle Eisenberg, Esquire, Pessin Katz Law, P.A. and CCPS Board Attorney, provided an overview of the Maryland Open Meetings Act and how it pertains to the work of the committee and to individual committee members (attachment 7).

Anita Stubenrauch, Transportation Analyst, gave an overview of the CCPS Microsoft Office OneNote/SharePoint site that will be used to record the committee's work, messages, and to store all relevant documents and supporting schedules/background reports. Committee members were encouraged to create their own email account and to attempt to log into the site.

There was general discussion about the purpose and nature of the committee. General points included: that CCPS should strive to be the best school system, not merely a good school system; that the work of the committee is independent of both the Board of Education and the County government; that the concept of “community” needs clarification; that improving efficiency is of high importance in the face of fiscal constraints, but that a variety of interests need to be balanced; that there’s a need to achieve long-term stability, but with flexibility to adjust to changing enrollments; and that the committee should determine the problem that it is seeking to solve.

Dr. Lever suggested the committee consider forming subcommittees. The subcommittees would be responsible for developing specific research and discussion topics. The committee will consider suggested topics, including redistricting, grade levels, feeder patterns, and what is the best use of schools. The sub-committee meetings may be open to the public with no transcription. Other ideas for consideration by the entire committee might include:

- Presentations – consider what the committee would like to view
- Educational and Facility Programs – existing, and those of other school systems in Maryland and possibly other states
- Large scale building development

Action Items:

- The committee should read the Facility Master Plan, the Boundary Adjustment Committee Report and the 2019-2026 Enrollment Report (all on the SharePoint site).
- Committee members are encouraged to create a separate email account for committee work. Dr. Lever asked to the members to email him with the email address they will be using for committee work.
- Committee members were asked to look at their calendars so that future meeting dates and times can be established. A 5:30 p.m. start time was tentatively chosen for future meetings.
- The committee should think about the development of a mission statement, sub-group topics, general structure, and ground rules for discussion at the next meeting.

Public Participation: Members of the public in the audience were asked if they had comments. One audience member asked the committee to pay attention to large-scale residential developments in progress.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the CCPS Board Room.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.