

East Lyme Board of Education
ELPS Elementary Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 4, 2017
Central Office Conference Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Jeffrey Newton (Supt), Jill Carini (BOE Member), Al Littlefield (BOE Secretary), Kim Davis (Interim Director of Sp Svcs), Linda Anania (FL Principal), Melissa DeLoreto (HA Principal), Jeff Provost (Interim NCS Principal), Lisa Vaudreuil (FL Teacher), Susie Parodi (FL Teacher), Lori Shedd-Nickerson (FL Paraprofessional), MaryBeth Franco (FL Parent), Korie Witcraft (FL Parent), Katie Douton (HA Teacher), Judy Deeb (HA Teacher), Tara Dowling (HA Paraprofessional), Laura Schultz (HA Parent), Danielle Holsapple (HA Parent), Julie Horner (NC Teacher), June O'Connor (NC Teacher), Toni Chamberlin (NC Paraprofessional), Lynn Sullivan (NC Parent), Linda Johansen (ELTA President) Invited: Theresa Landry (First Student)

Members Absent: Kelly Trusilo (NC Parent)

Review last meeting documents/dates

Overview of Action Plan template

Superintendent Newton and Facilitator Amy Drowne distributed business type cards for members to hand out to the public directing them to information pertaining to the redistricting of the elementary schools.

Amy Drowne noted that the third meeting outcome plan was to make a proposed action plan to the Board of Education; however, some groups will need to meet further to review data while others may not.

5-minute warm-up exercise in groups – Reviewed and briefly discussed information provided by other groups from past two meetings.

Topics that were consistently discussed in all five groups:

Intradistrict transfers
Building needs vs. costs
Transportation concerns
Impact to staffing
Grandfathering

Commonalities of the five success criteria bullets were noted.

Superintendent Newton distributed minutes of the December 29, 2016 Design Steering Committee and reviewed conversation that may have an impact on the redistricting timeline. He briefly reviewed the three school \$30-35 million renovation proposed plan and asked the committee to base its recommendation on a September 2017 implementation date.

Committee members expressed concern regarding the difficulty in making a proposal without knowing all the information. Facilitator Drowne said the Board of Education will review the

proposal based on what information the committee has available now and decide when redistricting will occur and whether it will be delayed or phased in as to minimize the impact on students as much as possible. Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2018.

Subcommittee Action Planning

Task (1-hour discussion): Using the template provided and taking into consideration any additional data they have, groups were asked to identify at least 2-3 proposed actions or strategies that their group would like to make and what strategies or actions cannot be ignored.

Whole Group Closure

Committee came back together with completed actions plans. It was recommended to bring committee back together at the end of January to review compiled information (Action Plan).

Future meeting date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 4:15 p.m., CO Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Bodnar

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