

Decatur Classical School  
Local School Council – Expansion Committee  
Thursday, October 8, 2015

Meeting Minutes

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Tim McCaffrey at 5:44 pm.
- **Roll Call:** Members present were Tim McCaffrey, Susan Kukielka, Kimberly Jockl, Victoria Giambrone, Steve Fix, Debby Fries and Helen Lee. Absent: Jeana Tao, David Cedeno, Sr., Mikal Sutherlin, Stephanie Saltouros, Jed Silberg.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made and passed by unanimous vote to approve agenda.
- **Election of Secretary:** Motion was made by Tim McCaffrey to nominate Helen Lee as Secretary. Motion was passed by unanimous vote to elect Helen as Secretary.
- **Committee Membership was established.** Ms. K, Mrs. J, David Cedeno, Steve Fix, Mikal Sutherland, Debby Fries, Victoria Giambrone, Tim McCaffrey, Helen Lee, Stephanie Saltouros, Jeana Tao and Jed Silberg are committee members. It was reiterated by Tim McCaffrey that 4 or more members establishes a quorum and becomes a committee meeting.
- **Election of Vice-Chair:** Motion was made by Tim McCaffrey to nominate Jed Silberg as vice –chair. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
- **Old Business:**
  - A. Tim McCaffrey reported on Past Efforts/Meetings/Status, all of which was also enumerated at the last LSC meeting.
- **New Business:**
  - A. **Review/ Approval of Committee Description:** A description for the Expansion Committee was drafted by Tim McCaffrey for use in the LSC By-laws. A discussion regarding its contents will take place at the next meeting.
  - B. **Consideration /Approval of Lobbying Efforts:**
    1. Continued communication with Katie Hill from Mayor Rahm Emmanuel's office as suggested by Janice Jackson was discussed.
    2. Continued communication with 50<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Debra Silverstein as well as Senator Ira Silverstein was discussed.
    3. Continued communication with 40<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Pat O'Connor was discussed.
    4. Continued call to the Decatur community in our various constituencies to reach out to our Aldermen and let them know about Decatur's need for expansion was discussed.
    5. Call to the Decatur's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade families to consider having students attend and speak at Board of Education Meeting to provide student viewpoint on the need for expansion at Decatur was discussed. Ms. Kukielka clarified that if parents elect to remove their children from school to attend such a meeting, it would be an excused absence.

### **C. Consideration/Approval of Exploration of Various Potential Expansion Options:**

1. Expansion at current location estimated at 19 million.
  2. Expansion at former Stewart School location estimated at 15, possibly 18 million (due to discovery of mold in building). Deemed unlikely since Capplemann informed us July 29 that CPS intends to sell the property.
  3. Expansion at Trumbull estimated at 15- 18 million. Also deemed unlikely as CPS has already moved forward with the sale of Trumbull.
  4. 2 Locations for Decatur (such as Skinner-North) was discussed.
  5. The addition of trailers to create expanded space for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade was discussed. Pros and cons were enumerated.
  6. An idea put forth by CPS to guarantee spots for graduating 6<sup>th</sup> Graders in another CPS high school that would not be a selective enrollment school but could possibly be an enriched or accelerated program, was discussed.
- **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
  - **Adjournment of Meeting:** Meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:45 pm.