

Decatur Classical School
Local School Council – Expansion Committee
Thursday April 7, 2016

Meeting Minutes

- **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Tim McCaffrey at 5:43 pm.
- **Roll Call:** Members present were Tim McCaffrey, Susan Kukielka, Kimberly Jockl, Victoria Giambrone, Steve Fix, Stephanie Saltouros, Mikal Sutherlin, and Helen Lee. Absent: Jeana Tao, Jed Silberg, David Cedeno, Sr., and Debby Fries. New members present: Reggie Newton and Jill Corcoran. New members absent: Laura Branch.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Motion was made by R. Newton to approve agenda, and passed by unanimous vote
- **Committee Membership:** Motion was made by T. McCaffrey to remove Debby Fries and David Cedeno, Sr. Motion was made to add Jill Corcoran, Reggie Newton and Lora Branch. Both motions were passed by unanimous vote.
- **Old Business:**
 - A. T. McCaffrey reported on meeting with Alderman Silverstein together with Ms. Kukielka in early March, to reiterate our expansion goals. Her feedback was positive and she expressed her support for our efforts. Committee agreed Decatur must stay on Alderman Silverstein's radar.
 - B. Ms. Kukielka reported that at a subsequent meeting for principals in Alderman Silverstein's Ward, Ms. Kukielka restated to the Alderman that expansion is our school's priority.
 - C. Committee agreed that continued solicitation of Aldermanic support community-wide is vital.
 - D. T. McCaffrey reported that Anonymous Alderman contacted him to let him know the possibility of Decatur in his ward is now off the table.
 - E. All possible expansion solutions were again discussed, enumerated and tentatively ordered in terms of preference: i) Expansion of the current site, ii) Expansion via Modular Classroom Units (Trailers) to accommodate a 7th and 8th Grade, iii) 7th and 8th Grade (Decatur II) in another building, preferably in the 50th Ward, iv) 7th and 8th Grade (Decatur II) in another building, shared with another school.
 - F. MCU (Modular Classroom Units) Subcommittee was established including V. Giambrone and Mrs. Jockl to research and determine the viability of this solution.
 - G. Other action steps were delegated to committee members to explore under-utilized schools (S. Fix will look at current under-utilized schools list; S. Saltouros to reach out to Archdiocese for vacated Catholic schools).
 - H. Continued communication with Chicago Board of Education at monthly meetings via public comment, and with Board members in person, is planned.
- **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- **Adjournment of Meeting:** Meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:18 pm. Next meeting was scheduled for Monday May 9, 5:30 pm.