

Local Planning Committee Meeting

May 10, 2016

5:30 pm

In attendance: Mike Genton, Kerrie Stewart, Debbie Beeles, Kristy Center, Shelly Ginn, Angela Brown, Carolee Kunkel, Chris Abbott, Jodi Ginn, Jessica Wilcoxson, Betsy Liston, Todd Pollock, JW Sachleben, Christy Cull, Paula Ames, Steve Miracle, and Melissa West.

1. The May 10, 2016 meeting of the Local Planning Committee was called to order by Chairperson Shelly Ginn at 5:40 pm at TCHS.
2. Minutes to the May 3, 2016 meeting were shared. A motion was made by Jodi Ginn and seconded by Betsy Liston to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.
3. A discussion was held regarding the meeting for next week. A motion was made by Todd Pollock to keep the meeting on Tuesday, May 17th at 5:30 despite the fact that there is no school that day. The motion was seconded by Kristy Center. Motion carried.
4. Committee reviewed last week's forum comments and concerns. Those concerns were addressed by Mr. Miracle.
5. Meeting was turned over to facilitator Mark Ryles.
 - a. Presentation of architectural information from the Parson's report.
 - i. Shared with committee information from 2012 LPC architect's report.
 - ii. Both facilities have reached the 30-year threshold (HS has reached 40-year threshold), so both must be on the facilities need list.
 - iii. Renovation cost for the high school would run approximately \$16 to \$18 million dollars
 - b. Presentation of existing space utilization at the Middle and High School
 - i. Shared a visual of both the high school building layout and the middle school building layout and how space is utilized currently.
 - ii. Shared a visual of the high school building layout showing how the rooms could be used if restructuring occurred. Sufficient space is available for a 7th and 8th grade middle school to move into the high school building. There is not enough space to serve a 6-8 grade middle school within the high school building.
 - iii. Shared a preliminary cost of high school needs (maintenance from CMTA) in the next 3-5 years was \$3.6 million. A committee member asked what that figure was for the middle school.
 - c. Committee work session to develop draft facility plan concept.
 - i. A motion was made by Todd Pollock to begin working on a plan to support option 8 for restructuring (both MES and BES as K-6 centers and the current high school building housing both a 7-8 Middle School and 9-12 High School). The motion was seconded by Christy Cull. After discussion regarding alternative school, questions from the high school representative, and how to proceed, the

committee decided to vote by secret ballot. The motion carried with a majority vote of 10 yeases and 6 nos.

- ii. Committee began discussion to review and update new construction and renovation needs for the district (prioritizing facility needs within the district).
 - iii. Committee requested Mr. Ryles to develop some draft options for the committee to select for revision at next week's meeting.
6. Motion made by to adjourn at Chris Abbott at 7:29 pm and seconded by Debbie Beeles. Motion carried.

Public Forum Comments/Questions:

Toni Huff—I have given countless hours volunteering for this school system. I have students in both 6th and 8th grade. I have looked at other school districts and feel that this merger has to take place because our kids aren't getting what they need. I have spoken with people on the committee about my concerns. I feel like with the merger we could offer our kids more of what they need.

Gregg Fisher—Thanks all for their time and effort in serving on the committee. Food for thought. We've been given tons of information that is several years old. There have been some improvements at the high school already. This building was built in 3 stages. We've seen the plan. I thought you all were a planning committee. It looks like someone else made the plan and you all are the approving committee. I haven't heard anything about what the cost is to make this move. You really need to think about do you really have all the information that you need to make this decision. It would behoove us to take our time and take our steps gently. In my opinion, we need to sit back and look at things more clearly and take our time to make this decision.

Shawna Jent—I am a parent of three that are all elementary students. I am also a community educator. I've been able to visit all four schools in my role as community educator. I looked at our KIP data which shows what the students need. At the middle school, the student group met and talked about what they (students) need. They love TC schools but would like to have a nicer facility. Most parents want what is best for their kids. There are community needs as well that could be met if the restructuring were to occur by utilizing the existing middle school gym for seniors during the day or by renting out the gym for community events.

TCHS GRIT Team—This building is.....(lots of negative adjectives). Here is why they say this.....(shows pictures of what students think is wrong with the building). Merging the middle and high school would allow the opportunity to upgrade. We want to change the mindset of students and recommend a new building for the high school, but we need your help. Because we are the future.

Russell Young—The school system is the students, the faculty; however, the citizens are on an income. I challenge you not to tax citizens out of the county. Do you have the information you need to make a rational decision?