

Local Planning Committee Meeting

May 3, 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, Todd Bryan, Steve Miracle, Danny Black, and Melissa West.

1. The May 3, 2016 meeting of the Local Planning Committee was called to order by Chairperson Shelly Ginn at 5:32 pm at TCHS. The next meeting will be at TCHS on Tuesday, May 10th at 5:30.
2. Minutes to the April 25, 2016 meeting were shared. A motion was made by Todd Pollock and seconded by Todd Bryan to approve the minutes as read.
3. Committee reviewed last week's forum comments and concerns. Those concerns were addressed by Mr. Miracle.
4. Meeting was turned over to facilitator Mark Ryles.
 - a. Committee work session to develop facility plan concepts
 - i. A committee member requested proposed cost for renovation from architect for both the middle school and the high school (will be provided for next meeting by Mr. Ryles—from previous LPC architect figures and Danny Black from CMTA).
 - ii. A committee member requested to know what it would take to bring buildings up to "code" (punch list).
 - iii. A committee member requested to know what other structures were considered by the district administrators (other than K-6/7-12 structure presented to the LPC).
 - iv. A committee member asked the administration to provide possible room assignments for 7-12 facility within the high school building to see how the structure might look.
 - b. Review and discussion of last week's proposal
 - c. Pro's and Con's (see summary notes)
 - d. Other options
 - e. Review of summary items
 - i. Summary items left off the list were the need for Alternative school and the proposed centralized location of district support staff with the restructuring proposal.
5. Chairperson Shelly Ginn requested for anyone wishing to speak at the public forum to sign in.
6. Motion made by to adjourn at JW Sachleben at 7:43 pm and seconded by Betsy Liston. Motion carried.

Public Forum Comments/Questions:

Russell Young: Can someone give me an answer to this—how many kids of school age children live in Trimble County who do not attend Trimble County Schools? What are we offering to entice these students back to TC? What do we as a community need to do to convince residents to bring kids back to TC schools? We can offer more opportunities with more kids. We have to figure out a way to make it work with X amount of money. Kudos to the teachers. They make it work because they care. In the last year have we made a purchase of furnishings or furniture of a significant amount? Questioned Mr. Miracle about the hiring of two central office staff members. Questioned Mr. Miracle on whether or not he would bring his son to school in Trimble County

Brigette Kunselman: I am asking for time. I don't like things done hastily or haphazardly. I am asking that if you plan to restructure in some shape or form, to have a detailed plan and time to implement. What we need takes time. Can we phase in a restructure by keeping 6th grade at the elementary schools beginning next year, move the admin annex to the freed up middle school rooms in the fall, work on remodeling any rooms for incoming 7th and 8th graders prior to them moving, and have detailed plans for execution—including plans for where the rooms will be located, who will be teaching which subject and when, traffic patterns for pick-up and drop off, bus plans, where MS office staff will be located, wiring for MS computer labs, location for MS library, plan for art room and science labs (water access/renovation required?), plan for band, lockers, cafeteria, bells, schedules, intercom system, etc.

Tara Isley: I wanted to address concerns of overcrowding. I went to school here when BES occupied one part of the building while we occupied the other, and even with higher enrollment, I never felt that we were overcrowded. Mr. Fulk and Mrs. Squires has been a tremendous help to our school and district. They visit our schools every week, are visible, and I take issue with anyone who criticizes or mentions that they weren't needed.