



Facilities Task Force

May 25, 2018

7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

CEC – Assembly Room

Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Committee Members Present: Dr. John Stanford (ex-officio member), Pari Sabety, Jim Negron, Lela Boykin, Debby Descheneau, Stephen Hardwick, Phil Hayes, David Horn, April Knight, Jibril Mohamed, Bhuwan Pyakurel, Jerry Saunders, Sr., Anne Stewart, Anahi Vinazza-Moore, Nana Watson

Committee Members Absent: Reverend Tim Ahrens, Christopher Barton, Lois Carson, Reverend Dorian Grant, Kristi Jared

Others: David Baker, Dr. Colleen Boyle, Joe Brown, Tonya Freeman, Danny Graves, Rodney Harrelson, Dr. Machel Kline, Maurice Oldham, Dr. Erik Roush, Michael Sain, Maria Stockard, Alex Trevino, Scott Varner, Sharee Wells

Meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Pari Sabety and Jim Negron welcomed committee members and reviewed the agenda. Mr. Negron emphasized the importance of the task at hand. He recognized the quality of the people involved and the commitment to students. Mr. Negron referenced Habit #5 of Stephen Covey's book "The Seven Habits of Highly effective People" that says to "Seek first to understand, then be understood."

The minutes from the May 10th meeting were reviewed by the committee.

- Jerry Saunders made a motion that the May 10th meeting minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Lela Boykin. The motion carried.

Scott Varner presented the Final Discussion of Phase 2 and Phase 3 Criteria. There was discussion amongst the members at the end of the presentation. The following are some of the questions, answers, requests and comments from the discussion:

- Ms. Boykin asked if diversity was a part of the criteria.
- Ms. Boykin also asked about the efficacy of STEM school oversight.
- Ms. Sabety reminded everyone that the reference to STEM was just an example.
- Ms. Watson asked about demographics, specifically regarding central city as it pertains to residential growth data.

David Horn made a motion to approve the Phase 2 and Phase 3 Criteria. April Knight seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Scott Varner continued presentation of Determining Other Criteria. There was discussion amongst the members at the end of the presentation.

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- Mr. Saunders voiced concern regarding items “not considered” and how they might impact the District years from now (i.e., discipline, technology, disaster plan). It could send a negative message.
- Ms. Boykin said we need to think beyond physical facilities and be more futuristic. Five years ahead is too short term.
- Mr. Hardwick asked if we’d be given the opportunity to suggest guidelines if a massive problem develops that we didn’t consider.
- Ms. Sabety reminded committee members of the role of the committee.
- Mr. Hayes reminded everyone of Robert’s Rules regarding staying on track and Ms. Boykin agreed.

Jibril Mohamed made a motion to approve the list of “Other” Criteria. Lela Boykin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Scott Varner, Executive Director of Strategic Communications and Public Relations presented the Results of the Phase I Screening Criteria.

There was discussion amongst the members at the end of the presentation. The following are some of the questions, answers, requests and comments from the discussion:

- Ms. Descheneau asked if we could provide data broken down by grade bands (i.e., K-5/6).
- Ms. Boykin expressed concern about comparing apples to oranges (i.e., neighborhood schools vs. lottery schools).
- Ms. Sabety asked how the committee would like to see the data.
- Ms. Stewart - Special schools need a description of the program/lottery school/alternative school/magnetic school).
- Enrollment vs. attendance was discussed.

April Knight made a motion to approve the Internal Work Group to move forward with Phase 2 and Phase 3. Stephen Hardwick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Erik Roush and Joe Brown provided a brief preview of the June 14th Agenda.

Dr. Stanford, Ms. Sabety, and Mr. Negron delivered closing remarks. In his closing remarks Mr. Negron reminded everyone not to interpret this data as a school closing list.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.