

Danville School Building Advisory Group
Wednesday October 20th, 2022 - 6:00pm
Meeting Location – Danville School Library
(Alternate access via Zoom teleconference. See below for further information.)
Meeting to be recorded

Agenda

Members in attendance: Rob Balivet, Mary Beattie, John Blackmore, Melissa Conly, Eric Hewitt, Shawn McNamara, Randy Rathburn, David Towle, Sarah Welch, Kaity White, Marvin Withers

Community members present: Allison Despathy

Minutes

Gary Farrow has resigned from the group
Review of the minutes from Oct 5th meeting

- Members from the community raised concerns
- Enrollment - Robert Edgar doing work on the forward projection
- Education impact of each option waiting from Truex-Collins

Enrollment

- Dave has a hand out about enrollment 1980-1998
 - Highest enrollment was 1997 (470 students)
 - Would the brand new school be enough space if we had 470 students?
 - The forward looking numbers will help us with this

Community Engagement / Support

- What do we need to learn from the community?
 - School board said school choice is not going to be an option
 - Memo from Mark Tucker: our assignment is to make a recommendation on the three options, we should lay aside other tasks. So should we be talking about this?
 - If we are only considering what is best for the students, most think Option 3 is the best. No point in considering anything further. Is there more for us to do?
 - Option 3 - but take down the entire building (not save old building)
 - The school board will decide on financing and how to sell it to the community
 - Next steps will be decided by the board
 - Will there be solid numbers to look at? Yes, once the architects have a final plan
 - This group thought we would consider finances in light of the options, but the board is clarifying that is not our role
 - Why were we given tax estimate numbers if we weren't supposed to discuss it?
 - The school board is responsible for educating the community
 - Oct. 5 meeting was a positive interaction with the community

- We should adjourn this meeting until we hear from the school board. Request for the board: we would like clarification on the role of this group, what else can we do?

Tax Impact

- Review of outstanding tax questions from Oct 5th meeting
 - Not going to consider due to the memo from the superintendent

Narrowing Options

Straw Poll:

If we are only considering what is best educationally for the kids, without considering finances (with the caveat that we think the old building should be demolished): Do all vote Option 3 (new school)?

Everyone votes yes (Dave T and Melissa abstained)

Open Discussion

None

Future Meeting Dates and Action Items

Pause group until school board gives us a mission

End of Meeting

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