

MEMORANDUM

TO: West Genesee Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alan Pole and Bill Silky

RE: Meeting Notes-Meeting of May 10, 2012

DATE: May 14, 2012

Present-Committee: Susie Behlen, Kimberly Coyne, Michelle Cuttler, Karen Fruscello, Nori Gartner-Baca, Diana Luscombe, Kathy Maffei, Mary Philippone, Deb Simon, Barbara Soper, Ray Togias. Cheryl Vetter, and Neil Widrick

Consultants: Bill Silky and Alan Pole

Observers: Susan Stakus, Kim Hagadorn, Tricia Bacon, Jennifer Putnam, Allyson Winters, Kathy Dugan, Sue Unz, Stephanie Skardinski, Tina Peyton, Kimberly Barry, Kathy Klementowski, Melanie Thomas, Caroline Flaherty, Amy Drury, Karen Kelly, Vladimiro, Heather Fairchild, Crystal Ponto, Susan Winn, Jeff Reina, Abedallah Abedabbah, Alae Abedabbah, Fatima Abedabbah, Suhad Abedabbah, Sanna Abedabbah, Gregory Couture, David Swanson, Miriam Swanson, Celene Fryba-Uczen, Ann Henderson, John Henderson, Cristy Bobbett, Ann Barlow, Lori Keevil, and Kimberly Purcell

Location-Gymnasium at East Hill Elementary School

1. Bill Silky welcomed everyone and thanked Principal Lisa Craig and her staff for hosting the meeting.
2. There were no questions or comments on the notes from the April 26 meeting of the committee. Bill reminded the committee and observers that meeting notes and PowerPoint presentations are routinely published on the West Genesee district web site.
3. Bill Silky reviewed the draft final report including the charge to the committee, the findings and recommendations in the study, the three options that were considered by the committee, and the final recommendation that will be made to the board of education.
4. After presenting the draft report, the committee discussed the report.
5. The meeting was then opened to the floor. Questions and comments were received from the audience regarding the final report including the following:
 - While there may still be some reluctance to support a recommendation that socio-economic status be a factor in this redistricting, it is important for

parents to support the board's decision and the students will then follow the feelings of their parents;

-Rather than have all students change schools in 2013, consider students who will be entering 8th grade in 2013 and allow them to complete their middle school years in the school that they attended for 6th and 7th grade.

6. Bill Silky reviewed the next steps in the process. The draft report will be modified according to some corrections that were received from the committee members. The report will then be sent to the superintendent and the board of education. A presentation will then be made to the board about the study in June.

Since the meeting, it has been decided that the board presentation will be held on Wednesday, June 6 at 7 pm.

7. This was the last meeting of the advisory committee. Bill and Alan thanked all of the committee members for their thoughtful participation.

C: Chris Brown