

MEMORANDUM

TO: West Genesee Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alan Pole and Bill Silky

RE: Meeting Notes-Meeting of February 9, 2012

DATE: February 13, 2012

Present-Committee: Susie Behlen, Kimberly Coyne, Michelle Cuttler, Karen Fruscello, Nori Gartner-Baca, Kimberly Gdula, Diana Luscombe, Kathy Maffei, Mary Philipponne, Rob Pienkowski, Bonnie Pirro, Deb Simon, Barbara Soper, Ray Togias, Cheryl Vetter, and Tonya Wilson

Consultants: Bill Silky and Alan Pole

Observers: Susan Stukus, Carol Pettinelli, Kathy McDonald, Amy Drury, Caroline Flaherty, Heather Saroney, Dylan Pensabene, Michael Heise, James Wenner, Amy Wenner, Scott Smith, Pat McGee, Laurie Whann, Beth Caraccio, Julia Gauzza, Cathy Emery, Stephen Emery, Todd Freeman, Earl Sanderson, Inge Spang, Ann Henderson, Jerry Williams, Debbie Quick, Lori Keevil, Ann Barlow, Cristy Bobbett, Megan Vertucci, Rene Druce, David Paczkowski, Colleen Lauricella, Joe Jasinski, Meredith Buza, Lisa Trivison, Dina Mango, Kristin Sperduti, Anne Marie Donohue, Ellen Graser, Kathy Dugan, Allyson Winters, Sue Unz, Jennifer Groth, Karen Kelly, Gregory Couture, Kim Dunham, Nancy Kastick, Danielle Quinn, Allison Oudemoor, Correne Tucciarone, Crystal Furbeck, Sheila Mello, Cindy Smith, Ginny Cummings, Lisa Craig, Kim Hagadorn, Deb Geiss, and Brian Kesel

Location-Large Group Instruction Room at Camillus Middle School

1. Bill Silky welcomed everyone and thanked Principal Beth Lozier for hosting the meeting and for providing a tour of the building prior to the meeting.
2. There were no questions or comments on the notes from the February 2 meeting of the committee. Meeting notes and meeting handouts are routinely published on the district's web site.
3. Bill Silky reviewed the data that had previously been previously shared with the committee and tied that data to the following three portions of the charge to the committee:

a. to balance the enrollments of the elementary and middle schools to better align with the student capacities of those buildings;

b. to provide a balance of socio-economic factors with students across the buildings in order to equalize opportunities for students;

c. to determine if realigning attendance zones would provide sufficient space for a full day kindergarten program in the district.

4. Jerry Williams, the transportation supervisor for West Genesee, gave an overview of the district's transportation system. West Genesee buses travel approximately one million miles per year in transporting students to and from school. In the event that the district decides to proceed with a full day kindergarten program, the mid-day bus runs could be eliminated and a significant amount of money could be saved from the cost of transportation. The longest bus runs that currently exist for students in the district are as follows:

High School-45 minutes

Middle Schools-50 minutes

Elementary Schools-50 minutes

5. Bill Silky provided an overview of the computer program that allows school boundaries to be altered and studied. He then provided the first option for redistricting the elementary schools. The committee was then broken up into four groups and asked to do two things:

1. react to the redistricting proposal that was presented by Bill;
2. develop any new redistricting proposals that could be considered at a future meeting that would meet the objectives of the study.

6. The four committee groups reported out on their discussions. Future redistricting options will be considered at upcoming meetings.

7. The meeting was then opened to the floor. A number of questions and comments were received from the audience.

8. The next meeting of the advisory committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 8th at 6:30 in the Onondaga Road Elementary School. A tour of the building will be held at 5:45 for anyone who is interested.

C: Chris Brown