

## MEMORANDUM

TO: West Genesee Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alan Pole and Bill Silky

RE: Meeting Notes-Meeting of March 8, 2012

DATE: March 9, 2012

Present-Committee: Leticia Andolina, Susie Behlen, Kimberly Coyne, Karen Fruscello, Nori Gartner-Baca, Kimberly Gdula, Diana Luscombe, Kathy Maffei, Mary Philipponne, Bonnie Pirro, Deb Simon, Ray Toggias. Cheryl Vetter, Neil Widrick, and Tonya Wilson

Consultants: Bill Silky and Alan Pole

Observers: Jennifer Sheldon, Karin Trapasso, Erica Jocz, Angela McShane, Sarah Long, Tracie O'Connor, Erin Paoli, Ginny Cummings, Jackie Walton, Amy Graham, Kimberly Barry, Cristy Bobbett, Lori Keevil, Lisa Craig, Paul Dunning, Michael Salucci, Patty Searle, Dorin Laufer, Kim Hagadorn, Tricia Bacon, Melissa Pensabene, David Paczkowski, Brian Kesel, Christopher Brown, Todd Freeman, Tracy Corcoran, Debbie Quick, Julia Gauzza, Loren Gauzza, Cathy Emery, Allyson Winters, Kathy Dugan, Sue Unz, Ann Henderson, Ellen Graser, Beth Caraccio, Allison Oudemool, Jenn D'Alessandro, Megan Mathewson, Thomas Royal, Heather Valereino, Lisa Trivison, Tia Marino-Kieffer, Debbie Simon, Caroline Flaherty, Heather Saroney, Gregory Couture, Julie Darmody-Latham

Location-Cafeteria at Split Rock Elementary School

1. Bill Silky welcomed everyone and thanked Principal Todd Freeman for hosting the meeting.
2. There were no questions or comments on the notes from the February 9 meeting of the committee. Bill reminded the committee and observers that meeting notes and PowerPoint presentations are routinely published on the district's web site.
3. Bill Silky reviewed the charge to the committee and updated some district data from last meeting regarding Academic Intervention Services and socio-economic status.
4. Bill indicated he had met with the Superintendent of Schools for the Syracuse Roman Catholic Diocese to inform him of the study and to get information about enrollments at Holy Family School. He was told that for 2011-12, Holy Family has 61 kindergarten students, 31 of whom are from West

Genesee. Their Pre-K program enrolls 91 students, 50 of whom are from West Genesee. Bill said that given this small number of students in Holy Family's kindergarten, and knowing some percentage will remain at Holy Family for their entire elementary experience, if West Genesee implements a full-day kindergarten program the district could easily absorb the Holy Family students.

5. Bill Silky provided three options for redistricting the elementary schools, Option A, Option B, and Option C. The committee was then broken up into three groups and asked to list the advantages and disadvantages for each of the three options. The three committees reported out on their discussions and it appeared as if Option B was the preferred choice of each discussion group. Based on this feedback, one or more options will be developed for the next meeting and further discussion will take place.

6. 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, April 26th at 6:30 pm 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