

MEMORANDUM

TO: West Genesee Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alan Pole and Bill Silky

RE: Meeting Notes-Meeting of February 2, 2012

DATE: February 4, 2012

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

Consultants: Bill Silky and Alan Pole

Observers: Ginny Cummings, Michael Perkins, Celene Fryba-Uezen, Jeff Reina, Kim Hagadorn, Tricia Bacon, Nancy Kastick, Matt Mahoney, Amy Drury, Allyson Winters, Kathy Dugan, Sue Unz, Lisa Craig, Linda Priest Sheedy, Cynthia Smith, Ellen Miller, Anne Marie Donohue, Kathy Lowther, Kristin Tessier, Cheryl Saidel, Brian Kesel, David Paczkowski, Steve Dunham, Todd Freeman, Earl Sanderson, Scott Donaldson, Dan Sheehan, Patty Conroy, Suzie Shoults, Ike Sisson, Meredith Buza, Liz Ivery, Meghan Channels, Kate Korzaniewski, Cristy Bobbett, Ann Barlow, Debbie Simon, Inge Spang, Kristine Breault, Amy Wenner, Julia Gauzza, Cathy Emery, Beth Caraccio, Halyna Mekker, Lisa Tyszka, Tom Warzecha, Deidre Tait, Jackie Randall, Susan Zoanetti, Donna Gillette, Tina Peyton, Danielle Quinn, Julia Walker, Allison Oudemool, Patti Gabello, Kate Bidwell, Vladimiro Hart-Zavoli, Kimbra Dudzinski, Clara Monz, Tammy Gilbert, Karin Trapasso, Brandi Lawson, Michelle Scott, Lorraine Clarke, Latrina Brumfield, Gregory Couture

Location-Cafeteria at West Genesee Middle School

1. Bill Silky welcomed everyone and thanked Principal Earl Sanderson for hosting the meeting.
2. There were no questions or comments on the notes from the January 5 meeting of the committee. Meeting notes are routinely published on the district's web site.
3. The charge to the committee was reviewed as follows:

To advise the consultants in making recommendations to the West Genesee Board of Education on the following items:

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. Bill Silky reviewed the highlights of the January 5 meeting. He then provided an overview of the elementary schools including a review of their program, class sizes, socio-economic status of the students, state assessment results, special education students, and the physical plants. He also reviewed the practical capacities of the four elementary schools that are currently rated at the following capacities:

East Hill-81%

Onondaga Road-57%

Split Rock-69%

Stonehedge-86%

5. Alan Pole provided an overview of the two middle schools. East Hill and Split Rock students go to Camillus Middle School while Stonehedge and Onondaga Road students go to West Genesee Middle School. He reviewed the schools' program, class sizes, socio-economic status of the students, state assessment results, special education students, and the physical plants. Camillus Middle School has 156,560 square feet and 518 students while West Genesee Middle School has 125,700 square feet and 668 students.

6. The future meeting schedule was discussed and a change in the previous schedule was made. The April 12 meeting has been cancelled and a meeting on May 10 will now be held. This means that the schedule of future meetings is as follows:

February 9-Camillus Middle School

March 8

April 26

May 10

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, February 9th at 6:30 in the Camillus Middle School. A tour of the building will be held at 5:45 for anyone who is interested.

C: Chris Brown