Districtwide Enrollment Committee

Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2018

Opening
The regular meeting of the Districtwide Enrollment Committee was called to order at 3:53pm on September 26, 2018 in the High School Library by Dr. Timothy P. Hearney, Superintendent of Schools.

Present
Angela O’Leary, Jackie Noon, Sally Miller, Matt Slavin, Allison Carroll, Ed Newbeck, Nikki Restivo, Bobby Haas, Sara Desmond, Carrie Almskog, Eric Ferraro, Kelly Ann Newham, Ted Fulton, Tim Hearney, Melissa Weinstein, Natalie Doyle, Tammy Santora, Kerry Vann, Michael Capozzi

Agenda
- Dr. Hearney welcomed the group and first asked if there were any questions related to the upcoming EPC community vote.
- Dr. Fulton shared updates with the committee on SCOPE and St. Joseph’s Pre-K options and costs
  - Pre-K teachers would not be on the BBP payroll, instead they would be employees of the program – run by SCOPE, St. Joseph’s, etc.
  - Dr. Fulton will follow up with St. Joseph’s to find out what the cost of the program would be after tuition was paid by the parents.
- Dr. Fulton will share ES BOCES detail and pricing once he has the information.
  - BOCES would be aid-able but the district would have to lay out the funding in the first year.
- Dr. Fulton shared that a Universal Pre-K grant was opening up for New York schools and he and Dr. Hearney would be participating in a webex on Monday, October 1st regarding the subject.
  - The grant would provide $20 million throughout New York State.
  - The grant would support approximately 40 districts.
  - The grant will be targeting “needs” schools first.
  - The grant is for Universal Pre-K and would not have a cost to parents.
  - Teachers must be certified to teach Universal Pre-K
    - Dr. Fulton will work with Personnel to see if/which BBP teachers are eligible now to teach in this program.
- Dr. Hearney discussed the building configurations (see attached) and reviewed the analysis sheets.
- Dr. Hearney shared that the BOE recently approved a contract for a company to review our district/building lines.
Dr. Hearney will give the company 3-4 configurations to start with, which can include transportation lines as well.

- Dr. Hearney asked the committee for their input on an upcoming BOE presentation regarding the committee’s work to date. Ideas shared include:
  - Share where we are at as a committee.
  - Be open to having the presentation pushed to December when the committee will have more information to share.
  - Be clear that the presentation is for information sharing only.
  - Share where we have been, where we are and where we are going with enrollment figures.
  - Be transparent.
  - Limit the Pre-K discussions because it may not be an option for BBP.
  - Allow the numbers to speak for themselves – we had X number of students graduate and X number of kindergarten students begin.
  - Focus on the consistent trend of declining enrollment. (Ex: Academy will have 75 5th graders graduating and only 40 kindergartners starting)

**Agenda for Next Meeting**
At the next meeting, Dr. Hearney and Dr. Fulton will bring a draft BOE presentation to share with the committee for feedback/edits.

**Adjournment**
Meeting was adjourned at 4:53pm by Dr. Timothy P. Hearney, Superintendent of Schools. The next meeting will be at 3:45pm on October 24, 2018.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Weinstein
Approved by: Dr. Timothy P. Hearney, Superintendent of Schools