

Meeting No. 8

Date: April 23, 2018

Location: Arlington Career Center

Participants: Kathleen McSweeney (KMc), CCWG Chair
Matt Mattauszek (MM), ACG
Sarah Johnson (SJ), APS
Michael DePalma (MD), APS
Robin Cook (RC), APS
Sarah Putnam (SP), APS
Derk Jeffrey (DJ), Stantec
+ Attached List of Attendees

1. Welcome/Introduction:

- Reviewed details of the charge and status of CCWG progress.
- Stated that the CCWG was half way through the schedule, including drafting of recommendations in July and August.
- BLPC and PFRC processes for the design of implementation of 800 additional seats are scheduled to begin the fall of 2018.
- Referenced weblinks and resources.

2. Overview of Montessori Program:

- Informational video of Montessori program presented to the group.
- Progression from primary to elementary to upper elementary.
- Primary: ages 3-5, PK and K together. Same class, classmates and teacher for 3 years.
- Lower Elementary: 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders in multi-age classroom.
- Upper Elementary: 4th and 5th graders.
- # of class types: 7 primary, 9 lower elementary, 4 upper elementary. 23 student cap for lower grades, 27 student cap for upper grades. Montessori prefers larger class size but also that all classes sizes are similar.
- Questions/Comments:
 - Does Henry ES provide sufficient space for Montessori? 463 current Montessori students at Drew. Capacity at Drew without portable classrooms is similar. Plan for Montessori students to occupy Henry in 2019.
 - 19 primary Montessori classrooms around the county, including 7 at Drew. Then can apply to attend Drew for lower elementary.
 - Drew students flow to Gunston MS Montessori program. About 50-60 students per year.
 - How will move to Henry affect Montessori attendance? It won't. Attendance is lottery-based.
 - How many Montessori students will be able to walk to Henry? 80% of Drew Montessori students currently ride a bus. Probably similar condition at Henry.
 - Diverse student population at Drew Montessori.
 - Learning environment: open floor area, lots of floor work, places to learn outside, age-appropriate playground equipment.
 - 700 county-wide applicants for upcoming school year, which far exceeds the number of spaces available.
 - Cost/student expenditure: Can program grow based on cost model? Drew Montessori reported along with Drew ES which is not the most expensive ES school in APS.

3. Debrief of Joint Work Session:

- Presentation and work session posted online.
- Questions/Comments:
 - Any surprises? A few members offended by remarks that students would be considered exchange students at other APS high schools.
 - One member encouraged by willingness of County board to address purchase of south block property.
 - Surprised by the positive support demonstrated by County and School boards.
 - One member liked being told the price tag that is available for the 800 students.
 - Some felt message from Joint Work session was mixed: positive but no funding available.
 - Kathleen: County Manager provided slide with 2016 CIP figures showing \$80M for the additional 800 seats at the Career Center. Updated CIP figures are scheduled to be presented to the school board tomorrow evening.
 - Can other frameworks be considered for this site?
 - The future campus should reflect the unique nature of the existing context.
 - Give us options and choices, what does it look like with or without various components of development?
 - Has anyone's thinking changed because of the Joint work session discussions?
 - Tania: tomorrow's school board work session agenda is 1-hour on budget, and 1-hour on CIP. She emphasized what is currently planned and budgeted to accommodate growth at the career center.

4. Updates on Timelines and Next Meetings

5. Small Group Discussion of Principles:

6. Public Comment:

END OF MEETING SUMMARY

Alisa Cowen	Kia Haynes
Betty Siegel	Kristi Sawert
Cecilia Ciepela-Kaelin	Lander Allin
Cindy Krech	Maria "Pete" Durgan
Colleen Pickford	Maura McMahan
David R. French	Megan Haydasz
Elizabeth Gearin	Nancy Birnbaum
Fikru Abebe	Nathan Dudani
Greg Greeley	Polly Hall
Jason Kaufman	Rafael Gould
Jim Lantelme	Sarah McKinley
John Snyder	Susan Rochard
	Tania Talento
	Veronica Bartlett