

Parent of Color & Equity Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
April 6, 2021

Dr. Stubblefield welcomed the group and immediately turned the meeting over to Zach Conrad to be respectful of everyone's time.

SRO Review Update

- As determined in last month's meeting, Mr. Conrad sent out the link to the Thought Exchange to both advisory groups to participate (pilot) in order to gain feedback
- The group discussed the results and reviewed the questions to be asked
 - 23 participants
- The breakdown provides-
 - The similar thoughts /common ground
 - The differences based on Group A/B
 - 2 Different Groups-
 - Side A (had positive experience with SRO's)
 - Side B (had negative experience with SRO's)
- This Thought Exchange will be sent to our parents, staff and students
- Suggestions from the group-
 - Add a question to have people self-identify- student, staff, parent/guardian
 - Add non binary as a gender
 - Add a neither positive or negative on the scale for #1, add the word 'experience' behind interaction
 - Add to the scale (less safe) on #2

Dr. Stubblefield reminded the group that the point of this was to obtain feedback from the community to gain a perspective regarding the desire to have OR not have SRO's in the buildings.

The following was determined-

- 7 Questions total
- Send to all middle school and high school students, staff in all 3 educational levels, parents in all 3 educational levels
- Leave open for 3 weeks based on Mr. Conrad's recommendation
- Goal-send out Friday, 4/9; closing 4/30. The district will work with Julie Boyle, Director of Communications, to send out initially and provide reminders.
- We will plan to move the May 4th meeting back in order to allow people the opportunity to review the results.

**Parent of Color & Equity Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
April 6, 2021**

Budget and Program Evaluation Committee (BPEC) Update

On Monday, 4/12/2021, there will be a work session prior to the board meeting to provide updates/information from the Boundary and BPEC committees. In the actual board meeting that starts at 6pm, BPEC will make a recommendation to the Board of Education regarding repurposing Kennedy Elementary School.

Dr. Stubblefield stressed she was being transparent in that yes this is being considered in order to address financial challenges. However, this scenario is also being considered due to the need for additional early childhood services.

Dr. Stubblefield added that it was important to understand that regardless if Kennedy is repurposed or not, the district will still need to make changes to address the financial deficit.

Boundary Advisory Committee Update

Minutes were shared prior to the meeting. Below is a summary-

The BAC met March 18 and March 29. The Budget Program and Evaluation Committee (BPEC) requested that the Boundary Advisory Committee explore repurposing Kennedy Elementary School to an Early Childhood Community Center. BPEC is reviewing different scenarios to address the financial challenges due to loss of 600+ students resulting in a \$1.8 million dollar shortfall for the current school year and approximately 1.2 million (unaudited) for 2021-22 school year.

The goal for the March 29 meeting was to select a scenario for BPEC to investigate/research more closely in order to take to the board of education to consider on April 12, 2021.

The committee then received information from Kathy Johnson, Executive Director of Finance, and Zach Conrad, Executive Director of Data & Technology regarding three possible solutions-

1. Moving students to New York (79) and Prairie Park (93) Elementary Schools
2. Moving students to Prairie Park (78), Cordley (75) and New York (19) Elementary Schools
3. Changing the English As a Second Language cluster site- Moving students who reside in Kennedy (38) and Prairie Park (24) from Hillcrest to Cordley

After group discussion regarding staffing, transportation and potential savings, the BAC voted and recommended to have BPEC further investigate Options 2 and 3 (2A) as potential options to propose to the Board of Education.

**Parent of Color & Equity Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes
April 6, 2021**

Other Information

- Dawn Downing will send out a google form to collect people's questions/concerns regarding repurposing Kennedy Elementary School. (Information from Boundary and BPEC committee meetings have been shared. This information is also housed on our website.) **Please submit by Friday, April 9th at 12pm.**

Next Meeting- TBD