

LaGrange School District 105

Kasarda Committee

Gurrie Middle School - LLC

January 17, 2019

5:00 - 6:30 PM

AGENDA/Minutes

1. Call to Order

- In attendance: Marika, Ed Hood, Emmie Crement, Kathryn Heeke, Kris Lonsway, Steve Bahn
- Meeting called to order at 5:05

2. Committee Charge

- The committee will be meeting to determine district wide needs regarding enrollment in School District 105.
- Through investigation and discussion, the committee will develop recommendations related to enrollment for the District 105 Board of Education to consider.

3. Enrollment Planning

- Review of current enrollment
 - Steve shared December enrollment as related to 6th day enrollment
 - We are up 18 students overall; we have gained students and lost students thus far
- Review future projections
 - One of the reasons we have convened the committee again is that Hodgkins numbers are very low related numbers seen in other buildings
 - Steve shared enrollment this year and next year compared to Kasarda projections
 - We have 13 students in our Pre-K that will transition into Hodgkins for FY20
 - 5 of the 6 grade levels are either at projection or higher but the Kdg enrollment is lower that projected



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- Review and discuss possible scenarios of future plans to address enrollment, facilities, and finances
 - New D105 Strategic Plan Impact
 - Let's discuss our goals of this team
 - We know that we are currently deficit spending - in the next two years, one of those sets of bonds will be paid off but we have more
 - Need to remain budget neutral
 - During strategic plan we have discussed enrollment and facilities
 - Spring Ave is full
 - 7th Ave is full but not close to any grade level splits. If a class were to split, they have no more room

4. 2018-2019 Kasarda Committee - Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday February 12th – 5:00 – 6:30 PM

5. Adjournment - 6:41 PM

Committee Goals - What are we attempting to accomplish?

- Brainstorm scenarios and possible paths if we are financially constrained
- Continue to come up with short term solutions as needed
- We need to have at least 3 options that are fiscally sound and equity needs to be at the center of it
- Need to have some options to share with community of what we could do without spending more of our tax payers money
- This is a group that should provide information to the BOE as a whole; provide options for the BOE to make a sound decision
- We are a “recommending” body
- Should this committee recommend the “how and when” to engage the community into this work (i.e. communication to the community) as opposed to focusing on the “what” right now
- We need to be sure to define what the “issues” are regarding enrollment. It is not just about Hodgkins low enrollment

Commitments from Last Referendum

- We were not going to go back to community for more \$
- Neighborhood schools is a priority
- Need to be sure to share what the “promises” look like in a plan; if that throws the fiscal piece into an unsafe place, we could communicate that to community



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