

High School Space Study Committee Meeting March 23, 2017

Summary

Chair Jim Orndoff opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions. Mr. Orndoff referred to the list of Norms from last week and asked if there were any modifications and/or anything to add?:

- Clarification was asked for on one of the items - "Speak for yourself and not others." Dr. Kizner also added that if a committee member speaks on behalf of someone else, we need to know who that person is – this was added to the list of Norms.

Mr. Orndoff asked for any questions/comments:

- Any contact with mosque members regarding this meeting?
- Please let us know if you feel there is anything not accurate on last week's summary of the meeting.
- All information will be posted on the website.
- Names of all committee members will be posted on website – there were no objections.
- Meetings will be held every Thursday through May 4 (no meeting April 13--Spring Break). Can add meetings if need to....up until the deadline.
- Thank you to Eric Miller for scheduling the HHS tours.
- Would like the designated Harrisonburg High School students to attend the meetings.
- Suggestion for an 8th grader to participate on the committee.

Dr. Kizner gave a presentation on enrollment data/projections

(<http://harrisonburg.k12.va.us/HarrisonburgCitySchools/media/images/Documents/Community/HS-Space-Study-Committee-data.pdf>)

. He also noted the following:

- Some grades are larger due to those students who don't have enough credits to advance to the next grade
- On-time graduation rate is making good gains
- Drop-out rate has declined greatly
- Reminded us why we are here

The committee held some discussion on the presented information and Dr. Kizner answered questions from the group.

Mr. Orndoff asked if all agreed that there is a space problem and reminded the group that the Committee's charge is to come up with a recommendation to present to the School Board on the three options: 1) annex, 2) addition or 3) new high school. Some discussion was held on whether any other options will be discussed—let Dr. Kizner know if there are other ideas/comments. An alternative schedule was mentioned. Dr. Kizner noted that an alternative schedule involves additional operational costs.

The following items of information were suggested to be provided to the Committee and/or also be placed on website:

- Alternative schedule information prepared by high school administration
- Advantages/disadvantages for an annex, addition, new high school
- Completed architect's studies on annex and an addition (an architect for a new high school building study will be hired on April 4)
- HHS staff member survey results
- Summary of other options (flexible schedule, year round school, etc.)
- Enrollment information of other surrounding high schools

All committee members acknowledged there is a capacity issue which completes the work of Phase I. Dr. Kizner reminded the Committee to use the data that we have.

Next week, Craig Mackail will review information on the other two building options (annex and addition).

Dr. Kizner may invite certain staff members to speak to the Committee at future meetings on some of the topics mentioned.

- Homework:
 - o Read alternative schedule report – can discuss next week after everyone has reviewed.
 - o Review reports on capacity and enrollment data presented this evening, if members haven't had a chance to do so.

- The Committee suggested topics to explore as they begin Phase 2:
 - o HHS staff survey
 - o Creative solutions
 - o Estimates on annex and addition
 - o Surrounding high school sizes
 - o Operational costs for options – transportation, etc.
 - o HHS staff insights/experiences

With no further discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 30, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the Harrisonburg School Board Office.