

Long-Range Facilities Task Force

March 5, 2013

Strengths of this meeting:

- Possibly too soon for the group to get a dose of reality from the Board.
- Actually found School Board very open to comments and ideas.
- Great meal from Culinary Arts student and instructor.
- Very imperative.
- The Board input and communication.
- It was nice to have the Board attend the meeting. Would like them to attend again very soon.
- Dialogue
- Treats
- Clearly presented material.
- Even distribution of small group discussion.
- A big thanks to the Board for being present. While some thought they were “ill-timed”, I believe the timing to be perfect to remind us why we’re here...To get us not only consumed with this controversial book but integrate the books underlying meaning to what we need to do here.
- Board questioning.

Comments/Suggestions for Improvement:

- Too early to have the School Board at the meeting.
- Re-clarify what our role is, i.e. create the best course of action and a school system that people are proud of, or to create on a budget.
- Please remind others that it is hard to hear the speaker when others are talking in their group/table.
- Please hold conversation for discussion group-time.
- Not everyone’s opinion seemed to be heard.
- A few spoke for many.
- Disconnect between text, task, talk, and traction to meet goal.
- Confusing about how we are going to get “there”.
- Let’s talk further about equity.
- Way too structured for good discussion and brain storming.
- Need more information on funding - bonding – state matching – etc.
- How does replacing an old, poorly rated building affect state matching?
- Better moderated Question & Answer.
- No decision on decision-making threshold.
- Need clarity on process.
- Coming from a private/commercial side, being a part of a group with the school district is quite different. I understand that a lot of this is to ensure the process honored therefore the verdict will be also. Bust, some parts seem either redundant or simply too much.
- A few side conversations.
- Adding Board ideas and panel felt odd.
- School Board members did not seem confident in process.
- Good intent was assumed throughout the meeting – hope so, but didn’t’ feel likely from Board perspective.

Comments/Suggestions for Improvement: (Continued)

- Not sure why Board invited – seemed out of place for 3 meeting.
- Seemed to me Dr. Happe has a solution in mind and if the Task Force recommends something different it won't be considered.
- I'd like the committee to consider creating guiding principles that can guide our decision making recommendations. A start might include:
 - 1) sustainable
 - 2) equitable (need Board definition)
 - 3) focused on child centered education/instruction
 - 4) Has broad community support or potential for support
 - 5) is within our bonding capacity and
 - 6) consistent with best practices and current data.

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