



## Community Advisory Committee Meeting

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Location: Board Room

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review from last meeting (Randy)
  - a. Review of 4 reasons why looking at bond
    - i. High school space
    - ii. Safety and security (5 schools need safety vestibules)
    - iii. Technology
    - iv. School renovations
  - b. Pursuing bond now due to school bond loan fund possibly being capped by May this year.
  - c. Next time is go for a bond would be May of 2017.
  - d. Administration, Community Advisory Committee, focus group and staff group have been formed to explore this.
  - e. Survey has been sent out to the community and staff.
  - f. Answer questions from last meeting
    - i. How many people live in the district that have young children that will be entering school? (Growth data birth rate projections will show this.)
3. Review Pros and Cons (Janel)
  - a. Janel reviewed the possible scenarios presented in the power pt.
  - b. Question: What does safety during travel?
    - i. Explained that our school setting would be more like a campus, so safety traveling from building to building
  - c. Question: Has anyone talked to Forest Hills about 3 high schools, with our growth expansion, why is Forest Hills so successful?
    - i. Jeff: Eastern was built mainly due to extra curricular opportunities for kids to participate in. Class sizes are high due to high operating costs. Admin now would say they may have done things differently due to operational costs.
    - ii. Randy: Hudsonville is just ahead of us in growth.
    - iii. Troy: Noticed that DeWitt vs Zeeland West in high school state football finals. DeWitt had twice as many fans than West. Could this be due to a split community in West?
4. Present Growth Data (Gary)
  - a. Current enrollment
    - i. Question: What does school of choice do to our district?

1. Randy: 16% of our student population is school of choice. Roughly 5.8 million dollars to Caledonia to maintain programs.
  2. Jeff: By accepting school of choice, it keeps money coming in which keeps class sizes small.
  3. Randy/Jim: School of choice is a tool that has to be managed to maintain and offer more opportunities for kids.
- b. Projected enrollment
    - i. Question: Why does the enrollment drop in 2017?
      1. Birthrate 5-10 years ago?
  - c. Birth rates
5. Focus Group Results (Jeff)
- a. More about unity than anything else.
  - b. Offering academic opportunity.
  - c. Fear of high school getting to big.
  - d. Community does not like the thought of a freshman campus for fear of becoming Kentwood.
  - e. Third option was most favored, two buildings with single campus at CHS
6. Survey Results (Jeff)
- a. Pool vs turf being on the bond
    - i. A lot of community wants a pool, but we need to realize the operational cost.
    - ii. Randy: We need to explore how we could share a pool with YMCA, Davenport, etc. What really limits us for this bond is the amount of money we can borrow. We are trying to stick to our 4 main reasons for going to a bond.
    - iii. Troy: All research he has done, all schools lose money having a pool.
  - b. Question: What is a sinking fund and how would you sell that?
    - i. Bond is borrowing money and paying it back.
    - ii. Sinking fund is raising money to use instead of paying it back.
    - iii. Jeff/Randy: Looking at the data, due to the timing, the 55 million is risky in comparison to the 36 million.
  - c. Question: Was there anything that surprised you from the survey?
    - i. Randy, not surprised, just humble and affirmed the partnership between our school and community.
  - d. Question: What are the elementary people saying about the 55 million?
    - i. Randy explains how bond money has to be spent in 5 years, can extend to 10 years. Great example, technology. You can't just pass a bond for more money now and say we will be set for technology for 15 years.
  - e. Question: Traffic on Kraft?
    - i. Waiting on the bond to determine where the study needs to occur for a possible light.

**Items to cover on 12/9/13**

- Poll each person with best and worst option
- Poll 0 mill increase v. 0.9 mill increase
- Discuss future involvement in campaign if needed

**Community Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule**

<b><u>Agenda</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Building Options	Monday, Dec. 9	7:00pm	Board Room