

COMMITTEE OF TEN

MEETING MINUTES and notes

January 10, 2008

Attendees:

Alan Boucher Frank Bockman Dan Callahan Eric Coulter Stacey Gramley Jeannette Neeld
Stefanie Carey Rachel Fowler Vic Johson Neil Truman Cheryl Brown Kristen Wurzburger
Mike Retherford Marta Tucker Robert Blackfurt (Times Record) Community members

I. Consolidation Background – provided by Alan Boucher

- ❖ Summarized need and purpose of consolidation
- ❖ Brief background and recap to date
- ❖ Noted that West Central's Power Point and Position Statements are available electronically
- ❖ Introduced Dr. Lonnie Brent from West Central (Committee of 10 member and Board president) for presentation

II. Consolidation Advice and examples – Dr. Lonnie Brent

Advice

- ❖ Preface everything with “these are just recommendations”
- ❖ Stress to the public that C of 10 has only two main jobs
 - Set tax rate
 - Decide how board is elected
 - At large
 - Divide into districts
- ❖ West Central had Co-chairs for C of 10
- ❖ Sub-Committees were divided as follows
 - Finance/ Legal – reviewed consultants proposals, worked w/ supers and lawyers
 - Marketing
 - Curriculum / Personnel – studied both districts (and 12 other surrounding districts for ideas – mainly high school) Final personnel choices decided by new board
 - Transportation / Extra Curricular – reviewed bus routes etc. / surveyed students re: extra curr. they might like
 - Facilities – (they were very happy they kept extra buildings opened)
- ❖ This was a significant commitment
- ❖ Subject to Public meetings
- ❖ Main goal – to seek quality education
- ❖ WC process on similar time table to ours
- ❖ Bussing situation similar to ours – they kept ½ contracted, ½ owned
- ❖ Present a before and after situation for community members
- ❖ Prepare a “Position Statement”
 - Put this on website
 - Have facts to back everything up

Marketing

- ❖ Develop non-profit organization (501C3)
- ❖ WC used billboards for advertisement, bulk mailers
- ❖ Shortly prior to vote – flyers stating top 10 reasons why to consolidate

Legal

- ❖ School districts put money towards legal fees – split 50/50
- ❖ WC used Michael Tibbs from Bloomington
- ❖ Had petition signed by at least 200 people

Voting

- ❖ Vote will be listed yes/ no on consolidation along with list of School board members running
- ❖ WC sent people out to secure votes – family / friends
- ❖ School Name and mascot was voted on after consolidation
- ❖ WC used a kind of contest of vote with students on name and mascot
- ❖ Get trust of community
- ❖ Proposal needs facts to back it up

In Hind Sight

- ❖ Double check Life Safety
- ❖ Double check money

Other comments

- ❖ Recommended a committee to be formed afterwards to deal with trophies

III. Committee members met to divide into Sub-Committees

- ❖ Co-Chairs – Eric Coulter, Vic Johnson
 - **Curriculum / Personnel** – Stacey Gramley, Kristen Wurzbarger, Rachel Fowler
 - **Finance / Legal** – Dan Callahan, Stefanie Carey, Neil Truman, Vic Johnson
 - **Transition/ Marketing** – all members
 - **Transportation/ Extra Curricular** – Stefanie Carey, Jeannette Neeld, Cheryl Brown, Rachel Fowler
 - **Facilities** – Eric Coulter, Vic Johnson
 - **Recording Secretary** – Stefanie Carey

IV. Actions being taken

- ❖ Times Record – Letter to the editor calling for sub-committee Members
- ❖ WRMJ – public announcement for sub-committee members
- ❖ School Newsletters – posting need for sub-committee members also
- ❖ Legal council – being contacted to possibly attend meeting on 22nd

IV. Next Meeting – January 22nd at Apollo (Committee arrive 6:30pm)