

MEETING
OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S
SPLOST OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Sam Moss Center, 1780 Montreal Rd Tucker GA, 30084

November 21, 2013

Meeting called to order by Mr. Williams at 6:07pm.

Present at the meeting were: Narwana D. el-Shabazz, Charlie Rogers, Christine Avers, Herman Lorenz, B.R. "Billy Ray" Jones, Kerry Williams, Delilah Wynn-Brown, Cathy Blakeney and Kimberly Mitchell. Absent were: Wyvern Budram, Paul Baisier

DCSD staff present: John Jambro, David Lamutt, John Wright, Brian Albanese and Jessica Leterle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

There was a recommendation by Ms. Wynn-Brown to add a "Recommendations" section to the agenda, to record suggestions by the members. To be added to the section immediately after "New Business". Motion approved and agenda approved. Minutes approved.

MONTHLY STATUS REPORT PRESENTATION

By Mr. JDavid Lamutt, URS Program Director

*October report is not ready to be distributed at this time, ETA is Monday, November 25.

ES Prototype Update by Brian Albanese

Design Meeting for 30% drawings reviewed and approved by staff; 80% scheduled for December 4th and will subsequently go to the Georgia DOE; Comment period of community input of design is closed, however site comments are open to Fernbank ES community (meeting date is TBD); Fernbank and Peachcrest ES demolition contract was awarded to Atlanta Demolition and NTP to be coming soon; Henderson MS design developments have been approved and staff is working through the comments from Georgia DOE; Redan HS 80% drawings to be submitted to DOE.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:

This document will be an attachment of the Semi-Annual report, which is to be submitted in December.

APPROVAL OF SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT:

To be deferred with the Recommendation Summary to the next meeting, awaiting finalized draft copy to approve.

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CONTRACT AWARD UPDATE:

By John Jambro

REPLACEMENT FOR KIRK NOOKS:

Mr. Wilkins has sent letter to Mr. Thurmond requesting the replacement of Dr. Yvonne Fowlkes. Staff is still awaiting approval by Mr. Thurmond. Ms. El-Shabazz suggests meeting with Mr. Thurmond, as the Committee has not had the opportunity to be introduced as a group.

EFFORTS TO EXPAND ONLINE CAPACITY:

Awaiting an update from Mr. Joshua Williams, who is working with DCSD IT on this issue. The Committee requested an update on how the website is now managed.

CHAIR/VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS (NEW ELECTIONS BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2014):

Mr. Paul Baisier was nominated and approved as Chair. Ms. Cathy Blakeney was nominated and approved as Vice Chair.

COLLECTION OF MEMBER FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY:

Members discussed community outreach and appropriate responses to community questions and concerns. It was decided that members should direct people to the website or if the member is aware of the nature of the question he or she can direct them to the person in charge of that issues (ex. principal, regional superintendent, etc). The Chair will draft a statement/policy for handling community issues

Mr. Herman objected to building a new school in a spot which is currently being discussed by two cities as potential annexations. This is his second objection on this point.

New Business:

Discuss which Members will be able to attend the upcoming community events.

Recommendations:

1. Draft minutes will now be submitted to the Chair by DCSD staff on the Tuesday following the regular meeting.
2. Meeting notifications should be added to the school websites/newsletters.
3. Committee Meetings should be incorporated into the Superintendent's announcement on the DCSD website.
4. DCSD PR team should meet with the Committee.
5. Committee should explore the current SPLOST website layout to see what is there and what needs to be adjusted.
6. Creation of community outreach policy (to be drafted by the Chair).

Move to Adjourn at 8:11.

** COMMUNICATIONS:

The SPLOST Committee requested the need for better communication regarding dates for ribbon cuttings, community meetings, etc. Mr. Jambro recommended Committee meet with DCSD

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Communications department Quinn Hudson and Portia Kirkland at the next meeting. The intent of this is to solidify real time SPLOST events to be communicated directly to the oversight committee members.