

Danville School Board: Building Advisory Committee

Location: Danville School & Zoom Teleconference

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April 18, 2023

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Tuesday, April 18, 2023

School Directors Present: Clayton Cargill, David Towle, Tim Sanborn, Melissa Conly

School Administrators Present: Dave Schilling, Sarah Welch

Planned Absences: Molly Gleason

Committee Members Present: Rob Balivet, Katie White, Sean M. Mary Beattie, Eric Hewett, Rhiannon, Allison Despathy, Bruce Melandy, Stacy

1. Call to Order by Clayton at 6:00pm
2. Updates
3. Discussion

Are there any updates? We had one plumbing emergency between our last meeting and this one which required us to shut the entire water system down to stop a flooding toilet due to the way the plumbing gets shut off. When lead abatement happened, the shut offs for toilets were removed and not returned.

Reviewed the values from our last meeting (trust, strong work ethic, character, critical thinking, PRIDE, Compassion, Kindness, Empathy, Honesty, Good productive citizens of our community, Globally aware, Contribute to society, Service to the Community, Intellectual curiosity, Independent, Strong citizens.

Reviewed our Stakeholders.

-Bruce interviewed two business owners (live in Danville and attended the school) and a retired member of the community (Didn't grow up in Danville, but has lived here a few years). They support the school and support it staying PreK to 12 if the numbers support it. Concern was the overall big, initial financial numbers. "Can't have a champagne taste on a beer budget." Renovations and additions are needed within reason.

How do we engage them?

-Use Front Porch Forum, Facebook, Face to Face, Clubs, Churches, Surveys with multiple connection options, Offering up meeting highlights for people to read vs. reading all the meetings, mobile office hours (at Marty's, Red Barn etc.) to talk to people, talk to people at Autumn on the Green or Danville Fair, Community Dinner at the school, Cold calls, flyers, newsletters, newspapers, TV, tours at different hours

Important things to consider:

- Being mindful of people who work and may only be available on the weekend.
- How do we reach the population of people who don't have kids here or have ever walked in the school and don't feel any investment in the school.

Three Agreements:

Finance Concepts:

- Willingness to Pay
- Willingness to Accept
- A Crisis is Coming
- Opportunity Cost-what you miss out on by taking one option instead of another

Activity-3 workstations

Debrief: **What surprised you?**

- we have immediate needs (HVAC and lights) and in 2 years, we have very little options
- In a 15 year plan, we had a vision.
- Focus was on urgent repairs for a couple of year, but the vision was on a regional high school over the long term. Our focus was also on the school as an entity, vs the school as a building.
- High school was the focus of some conversation in terms of the key to keep the school alive. Can we attract regional high school students without being a regional high school?
- What do we want to do really well? Is that pre-k to grade 2? Should we make that our focus? It would bring in families and then we would work to retain them.
- We don't hear complaints about our elementary program because we are doing it well. We hear people are leaving because the high school isn't a good fit.

What did you get stuck on?

- 5 years. Too short for a bond. 15 years made more sense.
- Creating a new exciting space for a high school to increase interest
- Combine a two year plan with adding on an elementary building for pre-k and k

-Regional High School

-Local control

What people are willing to pay depends on the story that goes with it. Present the reality but join it with the vision of the school moving forward. Stories matter

Suggestions:

Look at visions.

How will we engage in stakeholders and what will we need to know to do it

Do we have the skills for the next steps? If not, where do we get them.

4. Public Input

5. Future Agenda Items

a. Feedback on whether we want to keep Beth working with us. Give Clayton the feedback.

6. Adjournment

Dave Towle made a motion at 8:09 to adjourn, with a second from Tim. All in favor. Motion carries.

Next Meeting: May 17th

Focus will be around: What is your 2 year plan and what is your 15 year plan?

Submitted by Melissa Conly, April 19, 2023.