

Community Meeting with Lawndale Elementary
Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/crown-meeting>
Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2020
Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Purpose of Meeting: The North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council/North Lawndale Community Action Council (NLCCC/NLCAC) has been exploring an opportunity to bring a school with science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics programming to the North Lawndale neighborhood.

CPS held a virtual community meeting so the district could hear thoughts on a community-led proposal that could impact Crown Community Academy of Fine Arts, Lawndale Community Academy, and Sumner Math and Science Community Academy.

Attendance: Betty Allen-Green, Leonard Moore, Sherry Eagle, Shontae Higginbottom, Adrienne Garner, Alec Ross, Alex (Lawndale parent of 3), Karen Hill-Banks, Amy Rome, Anjenita Davis, Cher, Darneisha Mitchell, Aisha Wade-Bey, Chip Johnson, Denita, Valerie Pendergrast, James, John Wolf, Karin Henry, Kathleen Carlson, Katie Ellis, KLJohnson, L Figueroa, Lisa, Michael Bryant, Mirlene Doussous, Alderman Michael Scott, Ms. Williams, Natasha Jones, Representative Collins, Pam Price, Sadie, Selma, Sevara, Ryan Kelleher, Sharnita Jones, Sharon Wingfield, Shatay Bryant, Shavon Coleman, Bing Howell, April Figueroa, Carl Hurdik, Sadie Jefferson, Vennie Dye

Q&A

1. Heather- has there been any updated info on accessing services with regard to background checks?

2. Alex Cool- what strategies, educational philosophy do you plan to implement regarding diverse learners? What trainings will staff attend to prepare them to implement these strategies and what staff will you hire to ensure these strategies are implemented?

3. Ryan Kelleher- I heard you say this is a traditional CPS school but you didn't say whether or not it is a charter school
Can you please specify?

4. Alec Ross- since the plan is to combine all three schools, will there end up being only one presiding principal? How will the integration of the three schools be handled?

5. Ms. Williams- If transportation is not approved by CPS, is there a Plan B for safe traveling for students?

6. Dixon Romeo- how many of the corporate partners are working with the schools now?

1. Higginbottom- same process right now to ensure safety of children

2. Bing- courses have fidelity, teachers will receive lots of PD
Sherry- school is designed for all learners, partnerships provide learning in group/ teams/ individual/ classroom/ and virtually

3. Bing-Traditional

4. Bing- 1 principal, hiring process shaped by LSC and CAC, CPS makes final choice

5. Bing- safety and academics are a priority for the students. If parents are requesting this service, CPS will look into possibility.
Higginbottom- SEL services and after-school are also critical

6. Sherry- currently the Steans Foundation, Caterpillar, ComEd, Exelon, Fermi (working with a similar STEAM school in Aurora)

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<p>7. Aisha Wade-Bey- When is the approximate time you anticipate closing the three schools to build the STEAM School.</p> <p>8. Ms. Williams- Why close 3 schools instead of putting funding into existing those schools?</p> <p>9. Ryan Kelleher- Can the investments going into this new school go into the schools that currently exist instead of closing them? We know from the 50 school closings under Rahm Emanuel the negative impacts that has on both schools and communities.</p> <p>10. Dixon Romeo- if we don't get the steam school will they commit to working with the 3 schools. if they aren't in mother Lawndale now why do we need a new school for them to support us</p> <p>11. Ryan Kelleher- Respectfully disagree Sherry Eagle. Steans Family Foundation has opened charter schools in North Lawndale which has taken resources from public schools like the ones proposed to be closed.</p>	
<p>Discussion Question #1: What kind of Arts programming would you like to see?</p>	<p>1. Heather- will art be taught by an actual art teacher, an actual dancer, an actual thespian, etc? YES</p>
<p>Discussion Question #2: What did you like and/or dislike about the community-led STEAM school proposal?</p>	<p>1. Sharnita Jones- Why would there be a need to close the three school instead of creating a program to improve each building to reflect STEAM, on a year by year plan for improvements?</p> <p>2. Ryan Kelleher- Why close 3 schools instead of putting funding into existing those schools? So if the issue is low enrollment, how does this address that? Does closing schools fix that problem?</p> <p>3. Ms. Williams- has this been discussed with the students of the 3 schools?</p> <p>4. Aisha Wade-Bey: However, Lawndale has taken a hit when 50 schools were closed in black and brown communities. Why</p>

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	<p>not invest the resources in the community.</p> <p>5. Ryan Kelleher- Yeah because the schools were set up to fail and starved of resources. Building a pretty new school doesn't fix that. Why does investment only come with new schools and school closings?@Sadie</p>
<p>Discussion Question #3: What else would you like in this community-led STEAM school proposal?</p>	
<p>Discussion Question #4: Are you in favor of this community-led proposal? Why or Why not?</p>	
<p>Other notes Additional questions or comments here</p> <p>1. Shavon Colman – What are we missing? Looking at the bigger issues and root causes. There are lots of homeless and drugs and gang activity in the 24th Ward. New is not always better. I teach at Lawndale school and we have similar programs but now may have to look for another job. Need more engagement of students and PAC parents</p>	