

Community Meeting with Sumner Math and Science Community Academy

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/sumner-meeting>

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2020

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30pm

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 Green, Leonard Moore, Sherry Eagle, Rodney Brown, Charmaine, Yolanda Morris, Adourthus McDowell, Alec Ross, Stepanie Allen, Keith Lewis, State Rep. Lakesia Collins, James, gthomas17, Cher, Shukuntla, Sean Schindl, Adam Lechnir, Beulah McLoyd, KLJohnson40, Katie Ellis, Katina Woodards, Devon, LCSWA-JPA, Chief Bing Howell, April Figueroa, Chief Chip Johnson, Adrienne Gardner, Pam Price, Chief Shontae Higginbottom, Juan Maldonado

Q&A

1. Yolanda Morris -More programs should be put in the existing schools, safety concerns about children crossing over into other areas.

2. Katina Woodards -How can creating a new school contribute to the community instead of using the necessary funding resources to the schools already there?

3. Debbie Sims - Are you willing to work with the three schools if the proposal fails?

4. State Rep. Collins-Seems like there has not been a lot of outreach from CPS. What will happen to the staff of these schools if the proposal is approved?

5. Adourthus McDowell-I think it's outrageous that the school will not have a LSC in the first year.

1. **Bing**-population shrinkage, schools are no longer full-- less full schools, less funds to provide resources/programs.

Chief Higginbottom-safety has been taken into account. Transportation will be provided for impacted students as well as bus aides.

2. **Bing**-Due to student based budgeting, the fewer students in the building, the fewer resources available.

3. **Sherry Eagle**-Our partners feel that working with several schools would diminish the resources, whereas working with one school with 650 students would be more concentrated and impactful.

4. **Bing**-My office was put in place to have conversations around what parents and the community wants. We are solving for more resources for students--not staff.. LSC and the District would be responsible for hiring the Principal, and the Principal would hire school staff. None of this is an effort to misplace students.

5. **Chip**-It is state and federal law that new schools don't have LSCs for four years.

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Discussion Question #1: What kind of Arts programming would you like to see?	Due to time, these were shared and captured in post-event survey.
Discussion Question #2: What did you like and/or dislike about the community-led STEAM school proposal?	Due to time, these were shared and captured in post-event survey.
Discussion Question #3: What else would you like in this community-led STEAM school proposal?	Due to time, these were shared and captured in post-event survey.
Discussion Question #4: Are you in favor of this community-led proposal? Why or Why not?	Due to time, these were shared and captured in post-event survey.
Other notes Additional questions or comments here	Debbie Sims -LSC should correct their schools' problems. Schools are failing due to a lack of parent engagement. State Rep. Collins -More meetings need to be held--three meetings is not enough. Yolanda Morris and Katina Woodards -Will organize and get more parents from the impacted schools involved.