

Meeting Note Catcher

Community Meeting with Crown Community Academy of Fine Arts, Lawndale Community Academy, and Sumner Math and Science Community Academy School Communities

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/nl-proposal>

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 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. On November 2, 2020 the NLCCC/NLCAC submitted a proposal to consolidate Crown and Lawndale into Sumner.

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

Meeting Attendees: **Adrienne Garner, April, Betty Allen-Green, Bing Howell, Rodney Brown, Chip Johnson, James Lynn, Leonard Moore, Mirlene Dossous, Sherry Eagle, SMHigginbottom, Adam Lechnir, Aeric's iphone, Aisha Wade-Bey, AMINAH's iphone, Amy Rome, Areulia Davis, C. Whitfield, Carly Kruzel, Clevins, Contessa Brown, Cooke, Crystal G, Darneshia Mitchell, Debra Kimbrough, Devan Keys, Dushan Branch Pollard, Emily Penn, Heather's iPhone, iPhone, iPhone, Jaimi Johnson, Jarod, Juan Maldonado, Kameryn Dye, Kathleen Carlson, Katie Ellis, Katina Woodards, Kevin Sutton, Krissy, Kym Hemphil (2nd Grade Teacher), Leida, Lizzy LoGrande, Marvin Hunter, Michael Scott Jr., Pprice, Romanita Peoples, Rovonna's iPhone, Shatay Bryant, Shavon Coleman, Sheila McNary, Tiffany Childress Price, Tiffany Scuefield, Vanessa Pavlik-Brill-Resident Mentor-pre-K, Vernon Jackson, Vetreess Boyce, Walter Grant, Wanda Taylor, Willie Cousins, Michael Bryant(7-8 grade teacher), Apostle Carolyn L. Vessel, Audrey, Brittany Spralls, Catrina Singletary, Jackson Potter, Natasha Jones, Crown parent, Brandy, Deyki Nichols**

1. Deyki Nicols-(Sumner parent , K, and 5th grade and Dean of students at the school) I am against Sumner relocating. What will happen to our sense of community?
2. Brandy McMann-(Lawndale parent, 7th grade, resident for 10 years)Against closing schools, why not invest in the current schools in Lawndale? Lawndale is big enough to house all of the students and her student feels safe in his own neighborhood.
3. Tiffany Childress-Price-(North Lawndale resident, taught in N. Lawndale)Concerned about violence and lack of economic

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development. Who attended the community meetings and how many attended? What opportunities are available for my family?

4. Wanda Taylor-(North Lawndale resident)I live behind Sumner, and I would leave the community everyday to take my children to schools outside of the community for a better education. I had grandchildren involved in the Bronzeville school action. At first I was against it, but then realized that these old buildings are not adequate for our children. It's about children getting what they need; about reinvestment in the community.

5. Shavon Coleman-(pre-k assistant at Lawndale) The resources should be put in the three schools to give them a fighting chance; too much instability in the schools already. How can we be sure that our students will have a seat in the new school?

6. Walter Grant (graduate of Crown) Not against the new school but wants to keep the three existing schools open as well.

7. Catrina Singletary-(resident and activist)The new school is something that is needed in North Lawndale. We need to come together and do what is best for our children/grandchildren and community.

8. Willie Cousin-(Crown parent and CPS employee) No one informed me that my school was closing. We don't even have a quality grocery store, yet we are talking about building a new school?

9. Julie Burnett (Mayor's Office) Invest Southwest will help address disinvestment, we are committed to not leaving any buildings sitting empty.

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10. Vetress Boyce(North Lawndale resident) I was aware of the plan, glad that the North Lawndale Team is giving a voice to the community. Development, beautification, and jobs are needed in this community. Thank you for addressing the abandoned building issue.

11. Kevin Sutton-(Exe. Director, Foundation of Homan Square) I understand why staff and parents are concerned about closures, but there are astronomical costs associated with the upkeep of these old buildings and they are taking resources away from our children. Invest in consolidating the three schools.

12. Crystal G. (concerned west side resident) I want to congratulate the North Lawndale team on pushing the proposal this far so fast. How did you do it? What elected officials are in support?