

West Hempstead Space Committee

Minutes

July 17, 2012

1. Mr. Ejnes called the Space Committee to order at 7:35 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Ejnes turned the meeting over to Mr. Hogan explaining that the committee would be conducted by central administration.
2. Mr. Hogan reviewed the facility structures of the school district through the use of a Power Point presentation. This presentation, along with these minutes, will be posted on the district website.
3. Topics discussed at the meeting included the following:
 - Dates for the follow-up meetings: on 8/14 demographics will be presented, on 8/28 there will be a tour of Chestnut Street and Marion Delaney, 9/25 and 10/2 will be work sessions and a final meeting will be held on 10/23 for a proposed plan of action for the Board to consider
 - Sale of a building
 - Sports/Fields issue
 - Cost of maintaining a closed building
 - Cost of demolishing a building
 - Would voter approval be needed for action...we think yes, but will check with the attorney
 - Could condos be built and maintain the fields? What would be the tax revenue?
 - Leasing re: commercial development
 - State or Town interest?
 - An alternative HS of some sort?...Perhaps we can get information from the NYS Department of Economic Development or, help from them
 - How would we fund an alternative program
 - Caution re: budgetary impact of establishing new program while incurring the loss of almost \$600K in revenue. The loss is 1 ½ % on the tax levy
 - We would ask the architect to join us on the facility tour
 - Could SCOPE oversee a pre-K? Could we establish our own?
 - Perhaps a regents center to assist students after school
 - Keeping students in the district or, bringing them back to programs we could initiate...could this be a source of revenue?
 - Is Chestnut more attractive re: sale or leasing than is Marion Delaney?
 - Are there grants available for pre-K funding?
 - Development of or a campus school...partnership with a university
 - Reaching out to Tanglewood re: science programs
 - Museum use
 - What is permissible for the district to do and what is not. Refer to attorney.
 - Reference to Herricks' Community Center...could we do something like that?

- Could the building have multi uses at the same time?
- Could there be a way for “religious” schools to utilize the building?
- Career ready learning
- University satellite center? Letters can be sent to the local colleges and universities
- Need to utilize and maintain the building
- Sewanhaka has had an alternative center for many years
- There should be an independent cost analysis conducted in conjunction with the committee’s work
- Adult GED...could get some state funding
- Unique needs, such as a Chinese Center
- The need to place the items mentioned in “silos” so we can effectively review and discuss them. Three ideas are being floated: District Use, Lease/Rent and Sell
- North Shore Health System... might there be interest
- Proximity of the space to mass transit and the parkway – an advantage over other districts with space
- Will meet again on the 14th
- Adjournment at approximately 9:05 PM

Submitted by Mr. Hogan
7/18/12