

DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENTS MINUTES
March 22, 2017

Tredyffrin/Easttown Administrative Offices
6:30 p.m.

Attending all or part of the meeting:

Board Committee Members: Virginia Lastner (Chair), Roberta Hotinski, Todd Kantorczyk, Katharine Murphy

Other Board Members: Michele Burger, Douglas Carlson, Edward Sweeney

TE School District Representatives: Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Richard Gusick, Oscar Torres

Community Members: Heather Ward, Xavier Arnault, Erin Campbell, Sheeva Reilly, Beth Hixson, Jerry Henige, Doug Anestad, Laurie Nishimura, Mary Ellen O'Donnell, Michael Ciarrochi, Susan Carlson, Lauren Amjed, Jeanne Braun

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Public Comment:

Sheeva Reilly commented on the **Demographic Report**.

Beth Hixson commented on the **Demographic Report**.

Doug Anestad commented on the **Demographic Report**.

Susan Carlson commented on the **Demographic Report**.

Xavier Arnault commented on the **Demographic Report**.

Michael Ciarrochi commented on the **Demographic Report**.

Sheeva Reilly commented on the **Educational Program**.

Beth Hixson commented on the **Educational Program**.

Lauren Amjed commented on the **Educational Program**.

Mary Ellen O'Donnell commented on **Buildings and Facilities**.

Doug Anestad commented on **Possible Actions**.

Xavier Arnault commented on **Possible Actions**.

Jerry Henige commented on **Possible Actions**.

Lauren Amjed commented on **Possible Actions**.

Approval of Minutes:

There were no prior minutes to approve.

Committee Discussion and Recommendations:

The Committee reviewed **the 2016-2017 Demographic Report**. Mr. George Sundell, Principal Demographer of Sundance Associates provided an overview of the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District Demographic Study. Mr. Sundell provided an overview of the statistical analysis as well as the Cohort Survival Methodology that was used to determine the projected student enrollment within the T/E School District. It was demonstrated that elementary enrollment increased an average of 59 students per year in the last 5 years; 178 students in 2016-17 alone; and is projected to grow by an average of 30 students through 2021. The current imbalance in enrollment at the elementary school buildings is not expected to self correct over the next 5 years.

The Committee discussed the **Educational Program**. Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development, and Planning, provided the committee with an overview of the Elementary Educational Program and how it is guided by the Strategic Plan and delivered through the framework of the Elementary Blueprint for Instruction.

The Committee discussed **Buildings and Facilities**. Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development and Planning, also shared information regarding the history of the elementary school buildings. The discussion included an overview of enrollment trends and included the use of buildings and renovations to address distribution of student population.

The Committee discussed **Possible Actions Moving Forward**; the pros and cons were shared for maintaining status quo, building a new school, expanding current facilities and redistricting elementary school students.

The Committee recommended that maintaining status quo be taken off the table as the enrollment disparity will not naturally rebalance. Building a new school, while not off the table should a dramatic shift in enrollment occur, will also not be considered at this time. Mrs. Lastner shared that at upcoming meetings, the Committee will continue discussion of utilization and expansion of existing facilities and redistricting, in addition to establishing the parameters for any potential actions including legal requirements, best practice and costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Future meeting dates: April 4, April 25 and May 4, 2017
Time: 6:30-8:30 pm
Location: TEAO