

DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENTS MINUTES
April 4, 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, Scott Dorsey

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

Community Members: Doug Anestad, Xavier Arnault, Shari Capriola, Beth Hixson, Mary Ellen O'Donnell, Sheeva Reilly, Alison Troy, Tracy Vidla, Christine Whight, Julie Linelberg, Mark Turner, Laurie Nishimura, Shweta Sivaraman.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Public Comment:

Doug Anestad commented on the **Review of the First Meeting (March 22, 2017)**.

Xavier Arnault commented on **What Space Exists Currently in the Elementary Schools**.
Sheeva Reilly commented on **What Space Exists Currently in the Elementary Schools**.

Sheeva Reilly commented on the **Expanding Current Facilities**.
Xavier Arnault commented on the **Expanding Current Facilities**.

Beth Hixson commented on **Redistricting**.
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Sheeva Reilly commented on **Redistricting**.

Beth Hixson commented on **What Principles Should Guide a Decision to Redistrict**.
Sheeva Reilly commented on **What Principles Should Guide a Decision to Redistrict**.

Approval of Minutes:

The Committee approved the March 22, 2017 minutes.

Committee Discussion and Recommendations:

The Committee **reviewed topics and outcomes of the First Meeting (March 22, 2017)**.

The Committee discussed **What Space Exists Currently in the Elementary Schools**.

Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development, and Planning,

outlined for the committee the number of regular classroom and small groups spaces in each building. Additionally, Dr. Towle identifies the special areas and large group spaces common to teach school. The committee discussed adaptations that had been made throughout the years to accommodate elementary school enrollment

The Committee discussed **Expanding Current Facilities**.

The committee discussed the expansion of current facilities as an option to address the imbalance of elementary school enrollment. The committee considered the pros and cons of this option and determined that expansion would institutionalize a model where the delivery of the elementary program, as delineated in the Elementary Blueprint for Instructions, in each school would not be uniform. The committee recommended that this option be removed from consideration at the current time.

The Committee discussed **Redistricting** as an option to address the imbalance of elementary school enrollment. The Committee considered the pros and cons of this option and determined that redistricting should be recommended to the full Board as a means of addressing the elementary school enrollment. Redistricting was recommended for the following reasons.

- The uniformity and delivery of the elementary school program
- Address enrollment projections
- Capacity exists in other buildings
- Timeliness, we can do this for the 2018-19 school year
- Most cost effective decision
- Provides future flexibility

The Committee discussed **What Principles Should Guide a Decision to Redistrict**. The Committee recommended that at the next meeting parameters for moving forward with redistricting should be developed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Future meeting dates: April 25, 2017, May 4, 2017

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: TEAO