

Dominion Relocation Steering Committee Meeting Minutes, 8/7/19

Location: Dominion Middle School

Facilitator: Dottie Flanagan

Members in Attendance: Erin Bauer, Bruce Carlson, Carson Christopher, Michelle Christopher, Adam Conn, Kristin Dyce, Megan Foley, Matt Hysell, Andrea Manfresca, Jessica Mercerhill, Pattie Niese, Stacy Piper, Tim Pitts, Tasha Weaver, Laura Zimmerman

REVIEW FROM MAY MEETING

Scott Varner was unable to attend this meeting, but will attend a future meeting.

Mrs. Flanagan is scheduled to attend a planning meeting for the immersion program moving into the DMS building.

Schooly Caldwell was awarded the contract

NORTH ON THE FOURTH

Committee meeting and students were welcomed on the 4th and were able to view memorabilia room.

Laura Zimmerman expressed concern about cabinetry and memorabilia during construction. The plan is to preserve historic details in the building rather than remove. Alex Trevino and team will attend the next meeting and can address when memorabilia might need to be removed.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATES

The project is a typical RFQ project, Design Build Bid Process. 8 companies applied and have been narrowed to 3. Those 3 companies have 6 to 8 weeks to come up with a plan and budget which the school board will then vote on.

Alex Trevino will attend meetings frequently to keep the committee in the loop.

Roof will be repaired prior to interior work.

No plan is in place for the stadium at this time.

Fencing along the back side of the property is not included in the \$14 million phase

Auditorium upgrades are in the plan, including light, sound, and projection.

Full renovation of the building would be \$41 million, \$14 million is phase 1

Skylights in the art gallery are part of phase 1

Laura Zimmerman will pursue storing options with another alumni.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The approved purpose statement is as follows:

The Dominion Middle School Steering Committee gathers with purpose to:

- Honor the historic legacies and traditions of North HS and Dominion MS
- Create a safe and inclusive environment for the entire school and community
- Reimagine the facility with a creative, vibrant and 21st century vision.

Further the committee pledges transparency, consideration of different viewpoints, and positive advocacy for a safe and inspiring new home for Dominion Middle School

REBRANDING

How does a school name get changed? The committee would decide and take to the school board, then ODE would approve.

Scott Varner encourages the consideration of a name change.

Discussion around engaging the community via voting and forums.

This is a staff, parent, and community decision. Mrs. Flanagan will step back from this decision.

Laura Zimmerman shared the perspective that North alumni are more likely to want to maintain the mascot and school colors, rather than the name North.

Mr. Hysell shared the perspective that it is important to keep the Dominion name as the community has worked hard to develop the reputation. The Dominion name has power and it's important not to lose that.

Dominion North was discussed and mentioned it might signify a temporary move.

Discussion around changing the school mascot and colors. Mrs. Niese shared that students have written essays on how they want to change the current blue devil mascot.

What about sports uniforms if the colors change?

Former North HS band director has offered to rework the pep song to make it fit Dominion.

How do we reach stakeholders for survey?

Building excitement with rebranding spirit wear. If we become polar bears, could the polar bear initially sport some Dominion or blue devil gear?

Consideration of what name the new MS in the Dominion building will have. The consensus is the name Dominion will not be requested should the committee decide to maintain the current name or some variation.

STAKEHOLDERS

North HS alumni

DMS alumni and students

Clintonville community

Feeder schools community

Whetstone community

Next meeting scheduled for September 4, 2019, 6 pm, at Dominion Middle School