

12.18.18

Community Transition Committee Meeting - Minutes

Present:

Janet Griffin, Mike Hoose, Madeleine Reeners, Patty Morey, Shannon Constantino, Bonni Hodges, Sandra Attleson, Cliff Kostuk, Jordan Ashley, Lisa Kaup. Angela Wanish

Also present: Catherine Wilde, Jeff Craig, Kim Vile, Angela Affronti, Dan Devlon, Eileen Fitz Spiels.

The committee reviewed the notes from last time and then transitioned to the meetings agenda.

These are the items for which consensus has been reached:

- A resolution will be presented to the board about recommended names of buildings.
 - Franklyn S. Barry Primary School
 - Ferdinand E. Smith Intermediate School
 - Randall Middle School
- A vertical calendar should be maintained to ensure that dates do not overlap.
- Events should be held before the end of the year to bring the grade-level together, such as the Olympics.
- Events should be held prior to the beginning of the school year at which time students and families are welcomed and can visit the building, a variety of ideas continue to be discussed
- There will be a 6th grade moving up observance.
- As part of our branding discussion a proclamation will be presented to the board about mascot: Cortland Purple Tigers (official colors purple and white).
- We are also preparing a “style sheet” that will define the logos (color and B&W), fonts, letterhead, athletic logos, etc. that we will use consistently throughout the district.

Parent-teacher Groups Report

- The parent-teacher groups have been working on a coordinated calendar
- Deciding whether the unified group across our elementary schools will be a PTO or PTA . Currently Barry has a PTA.

Transportation

- Looking at feasibility of reducing the walking radius for K-6 students

- We are planning to pick up and drop off to our before or after school sites run by our community partners as we currently do.
- Siblings will be picked up and dropped off by one bus that will then drop off and pick up students at each elementary school. All K-6 students will still ride together as they currently do
- Cortland transit discussion for parents to get them to events across town for school events, such as parent-teacher conferences

Calendar

- Building level concerts will look different due to both the grade center configurations as well as the capital project scheduled for the district auditorium

Parent/teacher Conferences suggestions

- Noon to 7 or 8pm conferences for parents that work
- Staggering times on one given day

Additional items discussed:

- History Page on the Website is a living document that we will continue to update
- Milestone document was reviewed
- Elementary doors will continue to open at 8am and instruction will begin at 8:30am
- Instruction and Pupil and Personnel staff assignment are on schedule to be announced in February
- Classroom placements will be sent out to parents in mid to late August
- Specific bus pick up and drop off notifications will also be sent out in mid to late August
- Opportunity for community members and families to do Closing ceremony for buildings - something you gained from school leaving and what you are looking forward to in future school

Next meeting January 15th:

- PTO/PTA report
- Naming music rooms or library or ??? to honor buildings that are closing
- Mascot artwork and colors by next meeting for review by the committee. Also look at the the "C" and paw print.
- Retiring the mascots in all of the buildings