



Community Meeting #2 for the KIPP/ Orr Proposal

January 20th, 2016; 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Al Raby (3545 W. Fulton)

CPS Staff in Attendance:

LaFayette Ford, Michael McGehee, Patrick Payne, Mary Bradley, Carl Hurdlik, Paul Osland

Brief Summary

The purpose of the meeting was to receive public comments on the proposals to co-locate a new KIPP Charter school with Orr Academy High School in the facility located at 730 N. Pulaski Rd. The current Orr facility at 730 N. Pulaski is underutilized, and the facility can support the academic programming of both schools while being within the facility's enrollment efficiency range. This proposal will not impact the employment status of administrators and staff members or the powers of the Orr Local School Council.

CPS Presentation

Introduction- Patrick Payne introduced CPS staff to the audience and then reviewed the agenda. He reminded attendants that they could submit feedback to Transitions@cps.edu. All recorded info can be reviewed at cps.edu/Transitions. He reviewed the School Actions Process (SB630). Feedback will last until January 28th, board will vote on proposals February 24th. Each action has two community meetings and one hearing for every school proposal. This is the second community meeting and the CPS hearing will be January 28th.

Proposal- KIPP is proposing to open kindergarten and 5th grade class in fall 2016 with Orr at the 730 N Pulaski Rd facility. KIPP would expand grade levels until it serves K-8th grades, approximately 1,050 students. There is sufficient space for the proposed two schools under the same roof at full capacity. The proposal is for Orr HS to occupy the 3rd floor and KIPP to occupy the 1st and 2nd floors.

Public Comment

Rashid Bell- Educator and Assistant Principal for 10 yrs (both traditional and KIPP schools) in under-served communities. On October 28th the CPS Board approved KIPP to start serving more students. This is an opportunity to continue to do what we love by educating our students and preparing them for college. We hope to share with Orr HS and we love the Garfield Park community. We have visited the new Salvation Army Freedom Center and met with some key businesses and the West Humboldt Development Council. We also have talked to families in early childhood centers in the community about choosing elementary schools and other students looking for a new chance at middle school level. 84% of KIPP alumni attend college. KIPP students received 4-yr scholarships at a higher rate than the national average and 4x the rate of low-income students. Our motto is work hard and be nice. As the appointed principal for this location, we want to ensure that all families have high quality educational options regardless of their income.

Nikki Brown- Three of my four kids went to KIPP (two are still in KIPP schools). One of her children is a KIPP graduate and went to Rowe-Clark HS and was placed in honors classes since she had done so well at KIPP. She loves KIPP. They work with students, care for their students.



Doris Brown- Staff member for Chicago Commons. Discussed the opportunity to re-create a partnership between the community, CPS, and the Chicago Park District to open and manage the swimming pool and gyms in the Orr Gymnasium Building that would offer after-school services/ programming to both Orr/KIPP students and those in the community.