

Community Meeting for the Proposal to Close Robert Emmet Elementary School

April 10, 2013; 7:30-9:30p.m.

Location: Austin High School, 231 N. Pine Avenue

CPS Facilitators:

Adam Anderson, Strategy and Planning Officer

Phil Hampton, Chief Officer of Family and Community Engagement

Also in Attendance:

Chandra James, Chief, Austin-North Lawndale Network

Barbara West, Commander – Chicago Police Department

CPS Presentation

Mr. Anderson introduced himself and explained the purpose of the meeting, to listen to the community. He introduced Mr. Hampton, Ms. James, and Cmdr West. He acknowledged the court reporter, the note taker, and the Spanish language translator. Mr. Anderson explained what information was contained on the handouts distributed to the audience. He announced the dates, times, and location of the next meetings. He then transitioned to Mr. Hampton.

Mr. Hampton explained the logistics of registering to speak and the time limit. Due to the lack of registered speakers he said the time limit could be extended if necessary. He then opened the floor to public comment.

Brief Summary

The purpose of the meeting was to receive public comments on the proposal to close Robert Emmet Elementary School and welcome students at Edward K Ellington Elementary School and Oscar DePriest Elementary School, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-230. There was only one registered speaker. The speaker comments focused on a variety of topics including the following:

- The speaker's comments revolved around the lack of community engagement, mayoral control, and education reform.