

Community Meeting for the Proposal to Co-locate Disney II Magnet School with Marshall Middle School

April 10, 2013; 5:00-7:00p.m.

Location: Schurz High School: 3601 N Milwaukee Ave

CPS Facilitators:

Peter Rogers, Chief Financial Officer

Jack Elsey, Chief Officer of Innovation and Incubation

Also in Attendance:

Anna Alvarado, Chief of Schools for O'Hare Network

Shane Smith, Deputy Chief of Schools for O'Hare Network

CPS Presentation

Peter Rogers, Chief Financial Officer, welcomed those in attendance and opened the meeting. Mr. Rogers Rendina shared the dates, times, and locations of future meetings and introduced the Alderman and other CPS officials in attendance. Mr. Rogers introduced the court reporter and Spanish Language translator and then provided an overview of the handout distributed to the attendees. Mr. Rogers described the public comment ground rules and opened the public comment period.

Brief Summary

The purpose of the meeting was to receive public comments on the proposal to Co-locate Disney II Magnet School with Marshall Middle School in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-230. There were approximately 150 community members in attendance and there were approximately 40 speakers. The speakers ranged from parents, teachers, and community organizations to interested stakeholders. The speaker comments focused on a variety of topics including the following:

- Need to ensure that both the Disney II expansion and the co-location are well supported with resources, including the technology infrastructure of the school
- Questions about impact on the Kid Watch program currently located in Marshall Middle as space is made for Disney II expansion and support to allow it to remain
- Questions about the enrollment policy for the Disney II high school expansion and support for a neighborhood overlay to serve community
- Concerns about parking given limited space around the school
- Concerns about overcrowding in many of the surrounding schools and the need for a plan to address since this proposal will not allow for the Marshall Middle building to provide relief