

Meeting Minutes

North River Colocation Proposal Community Meeting #1

Date: Jan 11, 2022

Name of Notetaker: Sara Martinez-Network 4

Start of meeting: 6:05 p.m.

Virtual Attendees:

Pran Karimani, Principal Sancez, Raul Guerra, Robbin Ochenkowski, Samuel Perez, Sara Popowich, Starnisha, Tom Anderson, Vanessa Morges, Xochitl Cruz, Young Mi Kim, Paty Reyes, Micaela GOnzalez, Mercedes Alday, Martha Gutierrez, Maria Aguilar, Maggie Garcia, M. Arantza Jauregi, Lucy Esquivel, Lorenza, Lauro, John Atchinson, Jessy Porstner, Jessica Quigley, Jenna Madden, Jamel D. Chambers, Jaime Sancez, Gerson Ramirez, Fransico Acosta, Emma, Elizabeth Barchfield, Edgar Lopez, Dzioo, Clara rodriguez, April Curtis, Anthony Chalmers, Alexandra Moreno, 16308647123, Rossana Rodriguez, John Atchison, Carl

Speakers:

Rosana Rodriguez, Claudia Hernandez, Fernande E Grillo, Micaela Gonzlez, Ricardo Vasquez, xochitl Cruz, Patricia Reyes, Meced Alday, Alexandra Moreno, Jose Badillo, Clara Rodriguez, Emma Tucto, Irma Rivera, Lucila Esquivel, Raul Guerra, April Curtis, Chief Swinney, Chief McGlade,

Slide #	Meeting Minutes (Summary of what was shared and who shared it for each slide/section)
Opening Statement (before presentation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Swinney gave an overview of the meeting and logistics
2-6 (Agenda/ Meeting logistics/SB630 Timeline & Information)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief McGlade introduced herself and went over logistics and purpose of the meetings. <p>Overview of the Legal Process (Chief McGlade)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of the proposed school action and key facts (Chief McGlade) she clarified what a co-location means and a couple of key facts of North River and Aspira-Haugan Proposal approval SB630 Process
7-9 (Defining Equity/Shifts in Practice/ Inclusive partnership)	<p>Equity (chief Swinney)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide guidance on how to achieve equity for all students and how young people can get the resources to meet their needs.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How do you set a goal that is clear enough and get different schools and people to that goal? CPS wants to get young people in a quality facility. ● If we want to accomplish equity we have to have the right conversations, people, policies and systems. ● We want to learn from the public to provide the right spaces for our students
<p style="text-align: center;">Public Comment (Capture speaker's name and key takeaways from their comments)</p>	<p>Individuals will have 2 minutes for their comments</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Closing remarks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rosana Rodriguez- Alderwoman of 33rd ward: North River has needed an adequate space for years. What they have now is not good for students and not good for social distancing. The building has the capacity to provide for both schools. She likes the co-location idea and she supports the efforts. ● State Senator- not present ● CEO Rio- not present ● Principal Jaime Sanchez: This is a question about equity and that this issue is always rooted in equity. Growth is important. Not just academic, but physical development as well which is why they seek co-location. Parents are advocates for this movement. They want to ensure that the entire Albany community engages in this process with respect. ● Claudia Hernandez: she is in favor of the Co-location because her kids have no place to play. The school has no gym, cameras, playground and with the co-location, they would have those resources. She is in favor of the proposal. ● Micaela Gonzalez: President of the LSC She supports North River and their students. The students need the opportunity to grow and be exemplary students. They deserve a good education and the space to do it. We need to do this for the kids. The LSC, teachers and parents are asking for this opportunity. ● Raul Guerra ASPIRA Principal: Aspira has been serving the albany park community for over 50 years. They welcome the school community of River North. But he is finding a challenge in the proposal. It is hard to get two functional schools in the same building and share resources for operation and quality of education. More than 5 months will be needed to organize, plan and execute the co-location for a smooth transition. ● Ricardo Vasquez: Parent at North River The kids at North River are already limited in their own space. They are struggling to social distance and there is not enough room for another school to join. They do not have a gymnasium or anything for

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	<p>recess. They want the same resources as other schools. In favor of co-location.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Xochitl Cruz: LSC member. Here to support the co-location. Her kids do not have the opportunity to participate in sports. They can work together as a community so that North River students can have a good opportunity to have the resources they need● Patricia Reyes: Albany Park community and LSC member. 2 daughters attending North River. She supports the Co-location. North River. She sees the struggle of students not having a gymnasium, computer lab and other basic resources Including therapy and a space where they can express themselves.● Mcered Alday Comunidades Unidas organizacion: She supports the Co-location of the schools. She understands why parents support this. Students need space to have the classrooms they need. They have teachers but no space.● Alexandria Moreno Student from Roosevelt HS- supports North River proposal. There is an injustice happening at North River. They don't have a playground and have recess in a dangerous street.● Jose Badillo: Grandparent of an 8th grader at North River- Has noticed that kids don't have gym space, outside area, sporting activities, safe recess. THis expansion would benefit the Kids at North River.● Clara Rodriguez- She believes that this co-location is a good idea. But there are parents who wonder about transportation and that is more convenient since there will be a change of location.● Emma Tucto: Parent at North River- She supports the Co-location. Her kids are sad that they do not have the same spaces as other schools● Irma Rivera- Not present● Lucia Esquivel Mother of a student at Aspira. The school is a competitive school academically. She loves all of the resources they have. She is worried that if they move towards the Co-location, what will we do about space? How will they socially distance? There have been no COVID cases there yet but with this merger, this will be hard to maintain.● April Curtis- Chief Strategy Officer of Aspira: Wants to make sure that it is known that they support the co-location and families getting the space that they need. She hopes that the programs are not lost in the move. They have been servicing families for over 50 years. Families should not be set aside, their programs should continue to happen.
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Meeting Adjourned: Swinney- Notes will be taken to the CPS team. Announced the time and date for the next meeting. Virtual hearing is on January 19th.

Concluded at 6:58 p.m.