

Adlai E. Stevenson High School

Community Forum (East Addition)

January 19, 2017, 6:00 pm

Attendees:

- Board: Bruce Lubin, Terry Moons, David Weisberg
- Administration: Sean Carney, Eric Twadell
- Community & Guests: Donald Axelrod (23201 N. Hotz), Adrian & Susan Aldrich (23306 Indian Creek), Howard Yefsky (23260 N. Hotz), Tracy & Raymond Moffat (23223 N. Hotz), David Dowd (Long Grove), Remi Granicznny (23153 N. Hotz), Pavel & Alla Shvartsman (5 Hotchkiss Ct.) George Draeger (Erikson Engineering), Rick Dewar (Wight), Kevin Havens (Wight), David Powell (Wight), Wendy Watts (Wight), Jarlath Lynch (Gilbane), Jeff Masters (Gilbane), Ronnie Wachter (Pioner Press),

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review of master planning process, enrollment projections, need for expansion, different options considered, and final decision by Sean Carney.
- III. Kevin Havens (Wight) described the goals of the project including, new learning spaces and net zero energy building. A tentative view of each of the floors was shown to the public, including a green roof. Discussion ensued regarding the desire of the District to reduce any noise or light pollution.
- IV. Questions and Answer Session
 - a) One resident expressed concern about lights shining into household from the stadium as well as traffic rounding the bend by the active courts. He expressed disappointment from promises made by Dr. DuFour in regards to landscaping along the eastern most property line. Sean Carney stated he will work with the resident, as well as neighbors, to remove dead tress and brush and replant with new landscaping to provide more privacy.
 - b) Several residents, including Debra Croft via email, expressed major safety concerns for students being dropped off and picked up along Hotz Rd. Several options were suggested to remedy the situation. Stevenson officials will work with Village and County to address the issue.
 - c) David Dowd expressed his frustration about the project as the original east building addition (1994) was supposed to have the capacity to house 4,500 students. In addition, he is frustrated with property taxes in Long Grove and how no one wants to move into the area. Dr. Twadell discussed the need for various renovations over the years to transform classrooms into more effective teaching spaces and Mr. Carney stated the District has abated \$26 Million to taxpayers over the last 10 years to ease the burden.
 - d) A resident asked if the new East Addition would be connected to the existing

building on the 3rd floor. Yes.

- e) A question was asked about the hours of construction. Jeff Masters responded that nothing would start before village requirements (7 am during the week and 8:00 am on Saturday). Mr. Graniczny expressed a concern that last summer dumpsters were being picked up on Saturday morning at 5:00 am. Gilbane will ensure this isn't the case. In addition, a question was asked about construction traffic into and out of the campus.
- f) Another resident asked about the effect of increasing enrollment on lunch periods. There will be no effect.
- g) Final question came from Board Member David Weisberg, who wanted to know if we (Stevenson) are being good neighbors. The residents all responded in the affirmative. However, they expressed disappointment with parents who show little respect for property due east of the school during large events and drop off/pick up times.

V. Adjournment 7:23 pm