

Community Conversation December 17, 2013
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Early Childhood Schools
Marriott at Union Centre

Why Lakota?

Welcoming diversity

Relationships with parents

Ratings and past reputation

- No levy

Doctor said IEP child will do well in Lakota

Other parents' frustration with other districts

Teacher Rep

- Variety of programs

Liked structure of grade levels

- Especially Preschool/kindergarten/First
 - Four buildings = Smaller "feel"

Cultural dexterity is high

- Many IEP kids
- Good diversity

Sense of community

- Neighborhood feel

Diversity of public schools

Is this the building change that leads to private choice?

Four buildings, geographically diverse, work across buildings

Strengths/Gifts

Quality of educators

- Teachers have stayed

Good teaching life lessons

Giving hugs

Good communications

Lots of options

Facebook

Email

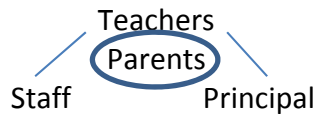
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Frequency

Consistency

Youtube videos

Simple, precise content



Opportunities

Doubts

Lack of team integration with Butler County ESC

Loss of teachers/staff → Loss of “Family”

Size of classes – Too big

Lack of arts

Lack of recess and PE

How to inspire teachers’ creativity

Parent Info Night prior to school (early on)

- Especially late deciders

Wide range of reading skills

- Especially the advanced kids

Gifts	Doubts
Counselors - In general, small groups to work on skills	Lack of support for new curriculum
New curriculum is going well – Visualize Common Core	OTES – How will it affect things?
Parents can get involved – Can I continue it?	Communicate what teachers go through