Superintendent's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2025

AGENDA

Quick Review

- Mr. Taylor emphasized that no final decisions have been made at this time.
- Some council members shared rumors and nuances they had heard within the community regarding this process.
- A few members emphasized that changes were inevitable and should not be sugar-coated.
- Mr. Taylor noted that several decisions have already been made to reach this stage of the process.
- A council member recommended making presentations, meeting minutes, and agendas from SAC meetings directly available to staff, in addition to posting them on the website, to help control the narrative and improve accessibility.

- Mr. Taylor provided an overview of data presented in previous meetings, including the purpose of the process and hypothetical school operating costs.

Potential Options

- He introduced five potential options for consideration to give the committee ideas to reflect on.

- Mr. Taylor stated that Lennox's situation is manageable compared to other districts that delayed action.

- A council member emphasized the importance of considering SDC (Special Day Class) programs and our vulnerable Special Education students.

- A request was made for SDC budget data, including student numbers by grade level and the number of SDC classrooms.

- A member urged the group to look beyond short-term fixes and to consider multi-year projections to implement a sustainable, long-term model.

- Mr. Taylor highlighted the value of conducting a demographic study to guide decision-making.

Group Activity

- Mr. Taylor divided attendees into five groups to identify their top three options, along with pros and cons for each. Each group will report their findings at the next meeting.

- A request was made for a space utilization and cost savings analysis. This data will be provided at the next meeting.

- A per-site enrollment analysis, including classroom-to-student ratios for the current fiscal year, was also requested.

The Road Ahead

- The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2025.