

Windom Board Meeting Minutes

13 February 2020

Attending Board Members: Jacky Junek (P), Becky McIntosh (T), Veronica Walther (VP), Patrick Barrett, Pat Soulak (O@L), Pete Johnson, Steve Rawlins (S), and Michelle Hemingway. Absent: Brian O'Shea

Guests: Jim Clark (Windom Principal), Ira Jourdain (MPS Board), Jeremy Schroeder (Council), 7 residents representing school and housing concerns. Later: Bob Walser (MPS Board Director)

Mario Vargas (Administrative Coordinator)

Meeting:

- 1) Councilman Schroeder: City Council Report
 - a. Neighborhoods 2020. CURA public comment period starts February begins 24 Feb until April. Different funding models proposed, including no base funding
 - b. 5524 Wentworth problem developer
- 2) Principal Jim Clark and, later, Ira Jourdain: "Comprehensive Design" and the future of Windom School
 - a. District going thru Comprehensive District Design <https://mpls.k12.mn.us/cdd> Windom is a Magnet School, Dual Immersion. District wants to reduce # of Magnet schools. Windom would become a Community School, with Spanish Dual Immersion shifting to Green Central.
 - b. After rough patch in 1990s, Windom has grown to a popular K-5 with 600 students and a waiting-list, so the proposal to dismantle come as a shock; Jim likened to Stages of Grief.
 - c. Motivation for the change: "glaring inequities", keeping schools fully integrated, save \$3.5 million
 - d. Ira Jourdain explained: 5 models were developed, winnowed to 2 and both of those models have Dual Immersion site at Green Central. Mr. Jourdain cast doubt on the claim that proposal will improve integration. He is not in favor of the proposals.
 - e. Windom does not want to lose Dual Immersion, Green feels similarly with their Community School.
 - f. Jourdain feels the 9-member board will approve it, but some board members (Ellison, Pauley, Caprini) may be persuaded to vote against the plan
 - g. Teachers Union MFT seems to be against the plan
 - h. Presentation to the full board scheduled Tuesday, March 24th 6pm at Committee of the Whole Meeting, but the with prior release of the documents on Friday March 20th, so expect full pressure March 20-24th with final vote Wednesday, April 14th 5:30pm at the April's School Board meeting [MPS Board](#)
 - i. Contact the 3 city-wide board members: Josh Pauly, Kim Ellison, and Kimberly
 - j. Walser, adding comments, emphasized that the vote does not have to be all-or-nothing; there are options
- 3) Multi-lingual 4x6 postcard promoting the survey, expected out my March 1st. \$1000 budget approved.
- 4) Becky submitted a Funding Request for \$50 speaker, Heather Holm, on native bees and plants, pollinators. We approved the expense on voice vote. Master Gardener, Metro Blooms resilient yards workshop in June to be held at Mayflower Church. Windom and Tangletown asked to be co-sponsors.
- 5) Thank you, Pat Soulak, for successful Windom Reads. Tots Rock, Saturday March 21 3-6pm. New DJ who includes dance and Circus skills
- 6) Our Grant application for Safer Streets Public Safety is still in play. They did not get enough applicants so are holding it open.
- 7) Organics Grant opportunity (up to \$10K) Aryca made us aware