

MINUTES

Community Relations Meeting 6/20/18 Approved 9/11/2018

In Attendance:

Administration: Dr. Kathleen Bodie, Dr. Roderick MacNeal, Jr.

School Committee: Jennifer Susse, Len Kardon, Jeff Thielman (by phone)

Community: Alham Saadat, Raji Bhat, Chris Collins, Ashutosh Gupta

Meeting started at 8:05 AM

Motion by Len to pass minutes of 5/17. Unanimous vote.

Dr. Bodie began by filling us in on which programs have (or plan to) increase their capacity.

- Thompson: 20
- Hardy: 20
- Dallin: 25
- Brackett: 10 (APS program); 10 next year
- Stratton: 26
- Peirce – Increased by 20 last year

We then discussed next steps. What is the larger plan? What do we hope to accomplish/

Len – The important thing is that we increase capacity. Whether we do that with the current programs we have or with different ones is an open question.

On space - Programs run by AAPS don't have the same licensing requirements and thus can use more classroom space. Jennifer suggested that there are ways to use additional classroom space without causing too much resentment among teachers. Some programs do already use classroom space (e.g., Bishop, Hardy, Thompson and Brackett).

Alham – Mentioned that Community Ed uses classroom space with little conflict with teachers.

Len – Stressed the need for a formal contract with a few minimum requirements:

- That there is a website
- That there be an explanation of enrollment limitations

At the end of the meeting Jeff made the suggestion that we could require APS to provide afterschool to any family that needs it. He suggested changing policy KFD to include the following something like the following:

“APS endeavors to provide space to any parent who wants their child in an afterschool program.”

We left discussion of that proposal, as well as specific language, to another meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 9:20