

Local Planning Committee
March 10, 2020, 5:30 pm
701 E. Main St., Conference Room C

Members present: Tracy Curtis, Bari Douglas, Lars Finneseth, Dallam Harper, Jr., Adam Kirk, Latonya Meekins, Julane Mullins, Chris Salyers, Lynn Schentrup, Stephanie Spires, Myron Thompson

Visitors and Staff: Carl Hayden, Melinda Joseph-Dezarn, Kim Lyon, Vee Pryor, Sherry Price

Bari Douglas called the meeting to order at 5:38 and introductions were made. There was no public comment.

Melinda presented an overview of Amendment #2 that includes:

1. Add a Girls STEM program (K – 8 grades) (1a)
2. Combine Eastside and Southside Technical Schools (1b)

Melinda shared the proposed schedule for KDE submission and Board approval of the amendment.

Melinda explained that a new Local Planning Committee will be chosen soon but these 2 items need to be approved by the current LPC.

K – 8 Girls STEM Program – Vee Pryor

Vee Pryor presented why the need for the new Girls STEM Program. FCPS has a growing demand for new and innovative programs. There has been a major increase in applications the last 2 years. There were 350 applicants for the Girls STEM program. The program will begin fall of 2020 with 50 students in each grade K – 2. The location will be on Spurr Rd.

Do we have any combined STEM program now? No.

Southside and Eastside Technical Centers - Kim Lyon

Kim shared that there is a shortage of qualified labor force in the jobs fields that Eastside and Southside offer. There is a high demand for these jobs and qualified labor force is shrinking. The programs that are offered at Southside currently are carpentry, electrical, electronics, welding, culinary arts, medical science, pre-nursing and automation engineering. Eastside offers automotive technology, diesel technology, auto collision repair, and aviation. FCPS needs to combine the resources of these schools to keep up with the demand. Currently we have students 9-12th grade but the program could be expanded to include Middle School. Students from Jessamine and Woodford County attend these classes.

Do we have a location for this combined school? No location has been approved at this time.

What will we do with the Eastside and Southside properties? We don't know for sure but we may use the Eastside property for transportation bus needs.

Bari made the motion to approve the amendment for the Girls K – 8 STEM Program with a second by Chris Salyers. The vote was 10 to 0. A second motion was made by Dallam Harper, second by Stephanie Spires, to approve combining Southside and Eastside Technical Schools and the vote was 10 – 0.

Tracy Curtis made a motion to adjourn and second by Dallam Harper. Adjournment was at 6:23 pm.