

**Northville Public Schools
Short Term Options Committee
March 12, 2005**

M I N U T E S

Dave Bolitho welcomed the Short Term Options Committee and several guests at 1:03 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of Main Street.

Those Present included; Dave Bolitho, Sue Meyer, Frank Maraffino, Jane Jones, Nancy Raynes, Eric Hanpeter, Jim Cracraft, Jennifer Luikart, Ann McCutcheon, Steve Anderson, Kurt Meister, Patti Damaska, Doug Thaxton, Kristin Evans, Tim Cotter, Erika lafrate, Eileen Freeman, Carol Maise, Rick Pivetz, Brian Rathsburg

Guests: Sandra Morante, Tom Boomer, Marilyn Kowalkowski, Debbie Grant-Kelterborn

The minutes of the March 7, 2005 meeting were reviewed. The removal of Cooke School from the list of options was discussed. Several Committee members felt that this option was not taken off of the list, while others believed it was discussed and rejected as an option. After considerable discussion it was decided to leave the use of Cooke School "alive" for future discussion so that the Committee could move on to other topics.

The "Projected Enrollment for 2005" document was discussed. The question asked was if this was a representation of projected enrollment figures from the ESI projections or if it was the current pipeline, incremented. It is the incremented pipeline, therefore the title "Projected Enrollment" is not accurate. Final topic regarding the minutes, Ann McCutcheon was present.

Dave Bolitho mentioned that the Committee may not want to include specific subdivision names if the Committee decides to recommend an attendance boundary change.

Tanger Elementary School, in the Plymouth/Canton School District, is not available next year.

Two Committee members presented a proposal to move Ridge Wood and Amerman kindergarten students to other elementary schools as a way to solve the overcrowding problem. ("Kindergarten Relocation Plan") Under this proposal, the respective subdivisions in the Ridge Wood area would be assigned to other elementary schools and Arcadia Ridge subdivision would be assigned to another elementary school.

This proposal combines Options 9, 13, 13A, 18 and possibly Option 17 and it would involve placing portable classrooms at the receiving elementary schools. The proposal also provides families the option of having their child remain at the new school for the first grade. The Committee looked at scenarios showing percentages of parents staying at the new school for 1st grade and percentages going to Ridge Wood.

The rationale for parents deciding to stay at the new elementary school for two years rather than transferring to Ridge Wood is that the family may be affected by an attendance boundary change in two years due to the opening of a new elementary school.

Amerman would like to regain its computer classroom. This would require another portable classroom at Amerman. The existing portable is a Music Classroom, thus lavatory facilities are not required. The additional portable classroom would be a grades 1-5 classroom requiring plumbing. The location of the sewer line would make the connection disruptive and expensive due to the excavation required.

During the presentation of the “Kindergarten Relocation Plan” another Committee member input the data on the “Model” spreadsheet that he developed to test the validity of the options. The “Model” is an attachment to the minutes.

The “KRP” proposal would work for the next two years, but there are implications for wondergarten and transportation schedules would have to be worked out.

Option #9, was discussed, “To more aggressively market open enrollment”. The Committee suggested that more information should be on the District’s website, the District provide transportation and visits to subdivisions associations would make this option more attractive.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on March 14th at 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m at Main Street School.