

MEETING MINUTES

JUSTICE HS PARKING WORKGROUP

Date: Monday, June 5, 2023

Time: 6:30 – 7:40pm

Location: Justice HS Library

WORKING GROUP ATTENDANCE

Kathleen Brown (Group 1)
Stacy Carter (Group 1)
Mark Doehnert (Group 1)
Matthew Levi (Group 1)
Ann-Marie Ward (co-chair) (Group 1)
Stephanie Lacy Feeley (Group 2)
Jeff Longo (co-chair) (Group 2)
Ariel Miller (Group 2)
Haile Russom (Group 2)
Emma Scharge (Group 2)
Kim Lanoue (Group 3)
Bill Lecos (Group 3)
Ben McKitrick (Group 3)
Jody McKitrick (Group 3)
Victoria Sneed (Group 3)

FCPS Attendance

Christie Scott
Michelle Lis
Principal Tiffany Narcisse (as an observer for part of the meeting)

Misc Students and Teachers as observers

AGENDA

Review answers from questions posed May 1 (~15 min)

Brainstorm – What would the group like to gain from a survey (~30 min)

Brainstorm – What additional information/data would the group like for August (~15 min)

DISCUSSION

There was a discussion on meeting minutes. Bill Lecos requested that FCPS provide a staffer to take notes. FCPS said someone on the working group should do it for this meeting but they will look into it for the next meeting. Jeff L. said he would do it for this meeting, but then Jody M. volunteered so Jeff could lead the meeting with Ann-Marie.

Agenda Item: Review answers from questions posed May 1 (~15 min)

Members separated into three groups and reviewed questions and answers posed on May 1.

Jeff L.: Asked about off-site parking at the church. Students were told they had permission to park there, but then they had notes on their cars that they were not allowed to.

Haile R.: Construction workers are also parking on Peace Valley and taking up spaces. Is that taken into account?

Ann-Marie W: I don't think we count them separately. They are included in that 46 spaces.

Kim L.: People are still parking in the church lot and getting notices on their cars.

Matt L.: Is there a plan for auxiliary parking for students *without* parking permits?

Kim: Has seen open spots in the front on Peace Valley.

Bill: What is the planning window to reach 2500 students?

Stephanie L.: How many students request passes?

Stacey C.: What is the *real* number of part-time employees? Is that number 10 inclusive?

Principal Narcisse: No, it is not.

Kim L. Can we get that real number?

Agenda Item: Brainstorm – What would the group like to gain from a survey (~30 min)

(Working Group divided into three assigned groups and brainstormed questions and ideas for 15 minutes.)

Ann-Marie W./Group 1: What is your preferred way to get to school? If cost wasn't a barrier, would you be interested in a bike or scooter share?

Jeff L./Group 2: How many students have after-school activities? If cost wasn't a barrier, would you bike or scooter?

Victoria S./Group 3: Add a question on student mode selection. How do students get to and from school at different parts of the day? Origin and destination are important. Where are they going? What are their needs for sports and after-school activities? Are you open to other modes of transportation? Add a community survey? Would like to survey staff on facility needs.

Ann-Marie W.: We want someone from ORSI at the next meeting. We give them the topics but they put the survey together.

Kim L.: How can we request other subject matter speakers to be present?

Katherine B.: Mentioned the idea of having outside groups like Fairfax Families for Safe Streets or the Coalition for Smart Growth attend one of the meetings. She also suggested taking an audit.

Bill L.: Knows someone at the Coalition for Smart Growth who might come.

Kim L.: Requests subject matter experts who are not FCPS staff.

Anne-Marie W.: If you have ideas, we (Anne and Jeff) set the agenda.

Matt L.: Requests that we keep as few outsiders as possible.

Agenda Item: Brainstorm – What additional information/data would the group like for August (~15 min)

Victoria S.: Safety Issue: No 4-way stop sign at Wilkins and Vista. Very dangerous. Twenty to thirty students in that intersection at one time. Peace Vally and Mansfield are also dangerous.

Kim L.: Who is responsible for crossing guards/police?

Matt L.: There is a lot of parking lot speeding. Cars going around cars trying to drop off students.

Ariel M.: Can someone from park authority come? Can we get FCDOT/VDOT daytime parking permits? It would be a short term solution.

Jeff L: Has the issue of the marching band been worked out? Are they still practicing in the gym?

Ariel M.: They gym is not a long term solution. They are not having ?? green days because of the marching band is in there.

Mark D.: Does FCPS have geospatial data? Could we see who is within a 10 minute walk?

Jeff L.: Our next meeting is August 28.

Kim L.: I'm worried we don't know enough to ask the right questions. We many want hear from experts first.

Comments from outside attendees watching the meeting:

Valeria (Justice student): Recommends passing out the survey to students during advisory. Also, said that parking will impact student attendance.

Kathleen B.: Would students be interested in ride shares? Are there incentives?

Ann Marie W.: There is a law on how many people can be in a car if you are under 18.

Sam S.: (Justice student): I think there are exceptions for driving to and from school related activities.

Jeff L.: There is no one size fits all solution. We need more data before we can come up with solutions.

There was discussion at the end on whether or not parking spots were bought back from students. Someone said that they could only be refunded through MySchoolBucks and seniors don't want to be refunded that way because they won't be around to use it.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

August 28

September 25

October 30

December 4: Status Update