

## **Mayor's Task Force for Matthews Community Schools**

**Date: June 20, 2016**

**Location: Matthews Town Hall**

### **Members Present**

Lori Canapinno for Hazen Blodgett, Chair Landon Dunn, Kress Query, Sandi Lee, Angie Lee, Mary Ciminelli, Irving Schwebel for Ray Eschert

Not Present Garnetta C. Smith, Ray Eschert

Meeting Called to Order by Chair Dunn: 5:04pm

### **Vision Statement**

"The vision of the Mayor's Task Force on Education is to create a high performing school system responsive to the needs of families within our community."

Chairperson Dunn: updated us on our goals and responsibilities.

Approval of May Minutes: Motion by Sandi Lee and second by Angie Lee

Examples of Deconsolidation and Decentralization: Sandi Lee

- Georgia- There continues to be legislative efforts to get a constitutional amendment allowing for new independent school systems to form through the flexibility of school system deconsolidation.
- An effort to deconsolidate Charleston County School district in South Carolina is on hold.
- Clark County, Nevada....Currently proposed is decentralization instead of deconsolidation. Under this structure, there would be seven Instructional Precincts with each precinct responsible for key services for parents and students. Each Instructional Precinct would have various advisory groups-- Parent Advisory Group, Licensed Advisory Group, Administrator Advisory Group, Support Staff Advisory Group, and Student Advisory Group. This proposal gives more decision-making ability into the hands of people closest to schools.
- Shelby County, Tennessee- six separate municipal school districts have deconsolidated from Shelby County and just completed their second year of operation. The six municipal districts are Collierville Schools, Germantown Municipal Schools, Bartlett City Schools, Arlington Community Schools, Lakeland School System, and Millington Municipal Schools. Shelby County Schools now serves only the city of Memphis and unincorporated areas. John Aitken the Superintendent of Collierville Schools has been very helpful. In order to fund Collierville Schools, the sales tax was raised by 1/2 cent. Collierville Schools consists of eight schools with approximately 8000 students.

### **Social Media: Angie Lee**

Twitter account is #Matthews Community Ed @ Matthews\_12K

Facebook account is Mayoral Task Force on Education

Lori Canapinno asked that we add the disclaimer verbiage to our information.

### **Next Meeting August 15, 2016 at 5:00PM**

Topic: Discussion and Information regarding Charter Schools

Meeting Adjourned at 6:10PM