

Notes from the Luxmanor Citizens Association Meeting regarding the
Collocation of Tilden Middle School & Rock Terrace School on
April 21, 2015 at Trinity Lutheran Church

Summary

Eighty (80) residents from the Luxmanor community attended the meeting. Sixteen (16) people (all of the slots available for the allotted meeting time) spoke.

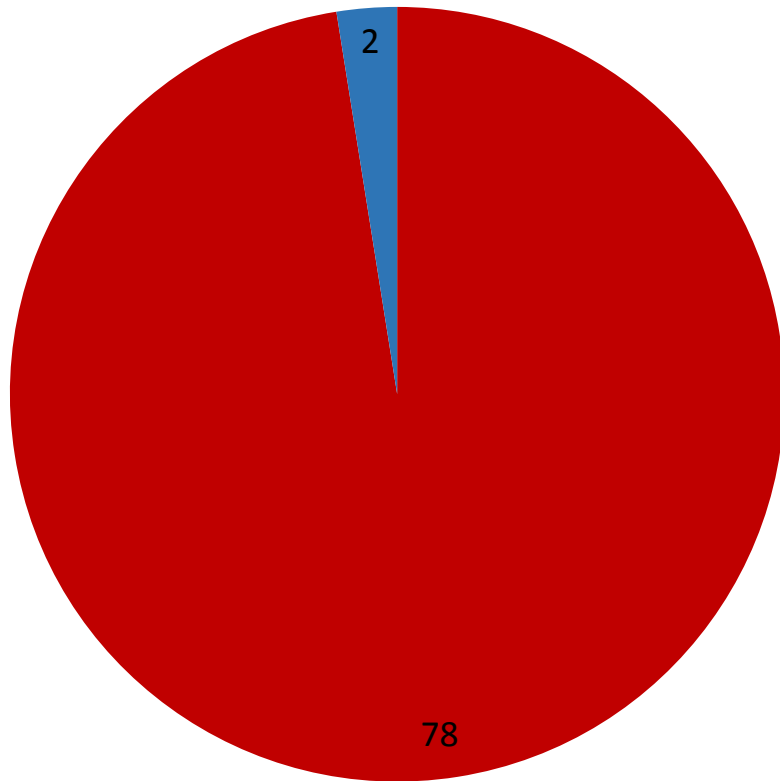
The primary concerns to be conveyed to the Board of Education were:

1. **The lack of community input during the process.** This was a unanimous sentiment. It was felt that there was a lack of transparency, poor communication, and no effort to engage affected residents was made by MCPS/the Board of Education.
2. The **traffic impact** of buses and cars on what are narrow residential streets.
3. The **loss of green space** that would result from a collocation. Current fields are heavily used by people within and outside the community.
4. There was significant concern that **other sites were not considered**. The current Tilden Middle School site (often known as Woodward) was frequently cited as a site that should have been considered, given its land size, its location on a major (6-lane) roadway, its access to 270 and proximity to Walter Johnson.
5. There were numerous concerns cited as to the inappropriateness of **commingling 17-21-yearolds with middle school children**. MCPS should consider Walter Johnson as an option as this would also limit transportation of the students back and forth during the day and provide the students an opportunity to be in the least restrictive environment.
6. **Specific design features**, especially the Roundtable Report's discussion of a **fence** on the property were mentioned as highly detrimental to the character and nature of the neighborhood.

Everyone was urged to attend the Board of Education Public Hearing on April 27th, and to write, call or email Board of Education members and elected County officials.

The LCA was charged with testifying before the Board of Education objecting to the handling of this decision and asking that the collocation decision be delayed to allow for due diligence to be conducted to include community input, traffic impact, and alternatives be considered based on the following vote results:

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Should LCA testify to the BOE to request a process slow down and consider additional input?

■ Yes (97.5%)

■ No (2.5%)