

## **Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting**

Oct. 4, 2022 - MINUTES 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Pleasant Lea Middle School 630 SW Persels Lee's Summit, Mo. 64081

Topic	Time	Person responsible
Welcome	5 min.	Co-chairs Elaine Bluml & Stephen Hill
Recap/Questions	25 min.	All
April Ballot Discussion	60 min.	All
PLMS Tour	30 min.	All

Co-chair Stephen Hill welcomed the group and co-chair Elaine Bluml reaffirmed the CAC as a space where all perspectives and thoughts are welcome as the group considers recommended topics from the Board of Education.

Dr. Buck provided a recap on the two ballot options he presented at the Sept. 20 meeting and answered questions about district benefits, LSR7's ballot history, growth timelines, bonding capacity needs and the capital budget.

CAC members broke into small groups to consider what ballot option to formally recommend to the Board of Education. Three groups were unanimous in their decision: to recommend that the Board of Education ask voters for a no tax increase debt service levy transfer on the April 2023 ballot. Members cited no impact to voters (including teachers and staff who are residents) as a primary reason for their recommendation.

Elaine explained the role of the Building our Futures campaign group and how the group has historically mobilized voters around R-7 ballot issues as a committee separate from the CAC



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and not funded by the district. She explained how interested CAC members can get involved if a BOF group forms ahead of a potential April 2023 election.

The group took a tour of the newly renovated PLMS building; more than 75 percent of the middle school's square footage was renovated through the 2020 bond issue.

## **Future Meetings**

- 6:30 8:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, Jan. 17**, TBD
- 8 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 17 (Legislative Breakfast), MIC
- 6:30 8:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 18**, TBD