

**Crest Hill Summit Meeting Notes
from the Meeting held on
Thursday, November 19, 2009
at 7:00 p.m.
at the
Crest Hill City Hall
1610 Plainfield Road
Crest Hill, Illinois**

The following are the notes that were taken by Laurel Ward regarding the above meeting. A video of this meetings is posted on the Lockport Township High School District 205 Web Page.

Questions

Why not use the money for grammar school construction for the high school?
Why can't Homer Glen build its own high school?
How did Plainfield build numerous high schools?
Can't the State help?
How much would it cost to build a new school?
Why pay for another school if our kids won't attend or use it?
Is there any way to help individuals with personal financial problems (truly cannot pay tax increases)
What are we going to do with Central Campus?
Can we build onto East?
Why do we need a 3-hole golf course?

Comments/Suggestions

Overcrowding is a concern
Want option to go to either school
Status quo is not acceptable
Mobile classrooms are not acceptable solution
Just expanding East is not acceptable solution
Inaction is not the answer
School is more than academics and only one school limits opportunities
Taxes are a good investment like roads, military and social services
A community is known by its schools
Worried about disconnection
Tax increases concern residents
Concerned about the distant between Crest Hill and Homer Glen
Overcrowded school is detrimental to property values
Boundaries are a problem, but not as big of an issue as we believe
We are a District Community
Concerned about negative image of the community
Feel mislead, tell the real numbers, suggest 3rd party data
Provide information about disconnection—what happened and what has changed

Seniors worried about property taxes
Need better education about issues, facts, costs.
Homer Glen doesn't get "free" education
If Homer Glen disconnects, then they would take their tax dollars with them
and this is not good.
Concerned about safety—tell people the facts about safety issues.
It is easier to consolidate than to detach
Combine small elementary schools into two unit districts
 Lockport District
 Homer Glen District
Upset by February ballot
Build an academic/charter school
Increase bussing for student and decrease use of cars therefore decrease
parking lot needs
Don't put a health club in new school
Use school more in the summer/Saturdays
Promote 3-year graduation
Need to educate the middle students
Show fiscal responsibility
School is used by seniors and others

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