

1/18/2011	School Assignments - Council District C - Joseph Craig ES - PUBLIC COMMENTS
NAME	SUMMARY OF SPOKEN COMMENTS
Kristin Gisleson Palmer	Councilperson District C - Would like a meeting on the West Bank which is also District C. Thanks to Lona Hankins for hard work, to the community volunteers. Wants an inclusive education system, needs of children first. Was involved with the school Master Plan process as a volunteer parent. Need a community process to give school to an operator.
Andrea Chen	Marigny homeowner and a member of neighborhood association. 70% of kids at Kipp live in 70117. Supports Kipp to be in Colton. Visited a Kipp school was impressed.
Jonny Bartlett	Taught at Colton when he first came to New Orleans. Now works for Kipp. At McDonogh 15 for 4 years. Now opened Kipp at Douglass. You have to test for Lusher - you don't have to pass a test for Kipp.
Chris O'Neill	Lives 7 blocks from Colton. Parent of 2 year old. Can't afford a private school. Asking RSD to practice what it preaches about school choice. Kipp is at McDonogh 15, which is nearby, how about a different choice for Colton.
Moses Evans	Not from NO originally. From Georgia. Works at Kipp. Wants to make Kipp a school for the arts, to be 'the' Kipp school.
Walter Goodwin	Lives in Tremé, is a member of St Peter Claver, 10,000 members, and Micah Project organization in NO. Does not think this process has been transparent. Does not want RSD to go listen and then go off and decide on its own. Wants there to be a deeper relationship with the community. School Operators should meet with community within which they want to operate. Wheatley ES is being built new, but he is concerned about the process of choosing operators. Wants to have community approval for new operators.
Willie Calhoun	From District E. Wants to know what's the plan for the Lower 9 <sup>th</sup> Ward?
Colin Smith	A Kippster. Jefferson Parish teacher on West Bank before Katrina. Excited to be a Kippster. Are open enrollment, offers many creative extracurricular activities such as yoga, etc. Supports Kipp.
Patricia Gaspard-Talbert	A parent. Her child transferred from Houston Kipp. Her kid is working hard. She is motivated. She wants to thank Kipp for helping her child. It's a good choice for her family.
Michael Pizzolatto	Here about Colton. Was disheartened that RSD announced that Kipp was handed Colton without input a year ago. Kipp has multiple schools in area. They do not have choice. Disappointed in the decision and the wrongheaded strategy. Reforms have transformed schools but the RSD created false promises. Looks to Orleans Parish School Board for real options – "how crazy is that?" Wants it fixed.
Karriem Hathaway	Originally from Virginia. Is impressed with Kipp. His kid has her elevated test scores. He wants Kipp at Colton
Delano Ford	A Kippster – they serve all students coming in their doors. Meet kids where they are - low or high! Kipp nationally has a 85% college attendance rate.
Pamela Rosen	Her son was in Kipp 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade when he started. She had to take him out of Kipp. Kipp did not work. They would not answer the phone. Smart kids being ignored. She is poor working class.
Richard Bourke	Has 2 preschoolers - lives a few blocks from Colton. Disappointed about the Kipp assignment made a year ago. Wants option to choose. Disappointed about RSD's handling of this has divided the community. the community should be brought together in a process like this.
Ben McLeish	Lives in St. Roch area. Son at Kipp McDonogh 15. Kid has done well but against outside forces. He notices that most parents for Kipp are black and those for choice are white - upset that this is dividing the community.
Angèle Vialou	Lives 2 blocks from Colton. Wants open dialogue. Wants to be able to send all kids to Colton. It's absurd she's fighting for choice when RSD says that's what they are all about.
Ann Marie Caviello	Wrote the Quick Start proposal for Colton in '07. Been in education for 20 years. Expected a model of a school more like what is happening at Morris Jeff. The Chicago model was neighborhood magnet schools. Why is that not good here?
Melissa Francis	Daughter at Kipp McDonogh 15 in 2007. Went to her school once with the child. Saw child disciplined [her child?]with white vest because of excessive talking. Says the parent should have gotten a phone call before that point. Many students attend school out of district.
Loretta Powell	Wants choice – now, her kids sometime go from 6am to 5pm because of having to catch the bus. And they don't always have books. That is not choice
[unclear] Gabriel Mondino?	Looks at choice and community. He has 6 month old. Wants to be able to walk the kid to school. Neighbors do too he thinks. What is best model?
Jamal Robertson	Concerned about choice on several issues. Kids catching busses at 5:30am. Is upset about that.
Melody Matthews	Bywater resident with an infant. Choice is important. Should be her choice.
Carlos Zervigon	In education all his life. Teacher and parent. This process stinks. Decisions made by someone without connection to this parish. Likes the Master Plan but School Assignment is nothing like that. He was part of a group to ask for transparency originally.
[unclear] Reese Johanson?	Applauds Kipp model. But there are other models also. No choice - one person doing it without input. Parents ought to be able to make a choice. Has 3 kids from ages 3-15. Drives 3 hours to take them to public school uptown.
Dawn McCormick	Parent of Kippster. Was out of New Orleans. Moved back, sent child to a private school, was going to leave NO but then met Kipp and decided to stay in NO and put child in Kipp. Kipp is a real community.
Archie Sampier	Known as Mr. Sam. Came back to NO in Oct. 2007. RSD has reduced its social workers in schools. Says the schools are not good if you don't put right stuff inside them. Professionals been left aside by RSD. He was with OPSB before storm. Says Mr. Vallas makes promises but has not always delivered. \$5,000 bonuses is one example. Kipp is not right school.
Claudia Copeland	Thinks Kipp is doing great. But if the Downtown area is all Kipp then there is no choice but to go Uptown if they don't fit in. She's talked to some parents who have not fit in with Kipp. Wants choice. Some kids do not thrive at Kipp.
Yvonne Mitchell-Grubb	Lives in Algiers – would like a meeting on West Bank for Dist. C over there. Thinks Walker should be taken off landbank list. Also a Kipp HS in Algiers. Why when current HS is not full?
Tonja Alexander	Works for Kipp Douglass HS. Open enrollment. Not trying for a takeover. Kipp improvises, wants cultural diversity. Not full kitchen but they feed kids lunch everyday.
Thomas Clay	Bywater parent and on Bywater board. Notices higher than expected numbers of students enrolling in public schools causing problem - demographics. Douglass is important. Wants Kipp Douglass removed from landbank list.
Ellenette Hogan	Parent at Craig ES. Has three kids there. It's her third school. Wants to thank Craig.
Brian Dassler	Principal of Kipp HS at Douglass. Built in 1939, years of neglect, over 1,000 people spent 7,000 hours volunteering over the summer at school. Wants to thank the neighborhood. Wants help from friends and neighbors to get it off landbank list and make modest upgrades - cooking kitchen, new windows, better electrical.
Traulishia Conway	Parent of Kipp student. Was paying for private school - \$375/mth. Daughter loves Kipp - is kicking tail. Travels far every day.
Miriam Maxwell	Is an RSD employee - special needs. Was with OPSB in every school in city. Happy for Kipp. Speaking for Audubon Charter Montessori. As parent wants to know why Allen not given to Audubon when they've been asking for several years. Husband teaches McMain.
Onica Anderson	Kipp parent. Comes from West Bank everyday. Loves Kipp. Artistic daughter. Wants Kipp Douglass improved.
Winona Reine	Kipp parent. From Cincinnati, OH - Commends Kipp. Kipp works with parents. They need a better building.
Stella Reese	Represents Micah. Wants to thank Paul Vallas for coming to St. Peter Claver with BESE members. All are invited.
Randy Hutchison	Moved back to NO 3 years ago. Has 4 year old. Lives 1 1/2 blocks from Colton. Imagines that Kipp and other models converge - have a chance now to create schools of future. have backing now to make changes from achievement standpoint.
Andre Sims	Just moved here from Minneapolis MN. Volunteer basketball coach at Kipp. The young men he coaches. Gym has no heat. Lots of volunteers come in to help at Kipp. Willie Roaf (former Saints player) bought his players shoes! His parents volunteer very thankful for volunteers. There is no bus to take kids home from practice. Supports Kipp.
Givonna Hymel	Supports Kipp but wants Craig to continue with stability and consistency. Been at Craig since beginning. What is happening at Craig next? She helps pay for uniforms, etc. She is a teacher. Craig is in her heart. Wants to know what is going on at Craig.
Patrick Rudd	Kippster - Wants Douglass off of landbank list. Had to almost cancel game in gym because of no heat.
Joy Okoru	Teacher at Kipp. Kipp is a network of schools. They are all different. Supports Kipp at Colton and wants to get support of neighborhood. Wants to say that you can guide the Kipp program.
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