

**Oakland Mills Community Association
Education Committee
August 9, 2016 Meeting Notes**

- Attendees:
 - Jonathan Edelson – Committee co-chair
 - John DiTomasso - Committee co-chair
 - Sandy Cederbaum - Village Manager
 - Ian Romack –OMMS PTSA President & TSES parent
 - Pat Harrington - SFES Parent
 - Peggy Skaggs - OM Resident
 - Marcellino Bedolla – OM Resident
 - Carrie Wenholz - THES parent
- **Meeting Summary**
- The committee continued to plan for the upcoming **Board of Education candidates’ forum to be held Thursday, October 13 at 7 p.m. in The Other Barn:**
 - Ground rules: There will be a firm deadline for candidates to return the written responses to the questions provided. Oakland Mills will publish the responses on its website in advance of the forum, and Ms. Cederbaum will work with the other villages to link to this or post their own copies. We will provide limited hard copies at the event.
 - Members of the committee will suggest questions under two agreed-upon topics, Capacity and Elementary School Model, while the other villages will submit their questions. The committee will meet on September 13th to finalize the advance questions.
- Mr. DiTomasso discussed the **Policy 6010 Committee on redistricting**
 - Mr. DiTomasso proposed the OMCA-approved redistricting language to the committee and there was discussion. The committee objected to use of the term “will” in the language restricting redistricting that would increase out of range FARMS rates or decrease out of range FARMS rates.
- **Other**
- A subgroup including Mr. Edelson, Mr. DiTomasso, Ms. Cederbaum, and Ms. Warren met with Anne Hilb of the Howard Community College Mediation & Conflict Resolution Center to discuss forum facilitation.
 - MCRC will facilitate the forum
 - We reviewed ground rules from two years ago and agreed to follow similar rules and stress on time/on topic to keep the forum moving effectively

- o OM will make time cards for 2 minute and 30 second warnings during the 5 minute opening speeches and for 30 and 15 second warnings during the one minute responses to audience questions
- o The group did a walk-through of The Loft to determine layout for the event
- o Other ground rules:
 - No in ground campaign signs on The Other Barn's property or on the private grounds belonging to the various owners of Village Center properties
 - No campaign materials in seats inside The Other Barn. Candidates may provide handouts for attendees to pick up as they enter The Loft
 - Audience questions will focus on issues, not individuals. Questions of a personal nature will be discouraged.