

Citizen's Advisory Council
Enrollment & Facilities Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2013

Present: Co-Chairs Sue Kerr and Don Kaiser, U-46 Administrator Jeff King, and members Nathan Gac, Christa Olsen, Natalie Olsen, Lynda Rundio, Renee Sweeney, Glenn Tinio, and Roger Wallace

7:03pm: Meeting called to order.

On December 3, 2013 Sue sent the November 20, 2013 meeting minutes draft via email to committee members. With no changes, they were approved with a motion by Nathan and seconded by Natalie.

Data for 2013-2014 report: Still waiting for some live birth data and new construction information from some communities.

Jeff: District servers have experienced big problems and lots of down time. There was a plan to replace them in May, but they have been failing prematurely. Email will be questionable while they get things replaced and try to keep essential system (like payroll) running.

Jeff gave us two documents related to boundary discussions:

1. Attendance Boundary Guidelines, approved by the Board of Education
 - Bullet points are not in any particular order of importance
 - Demography is only for population, regardless of race or socioeconomic background.
2. Tentative Timeline for Boundary Considerations
 - April and October 2014 note about "high schools" is not specifically referring to high school boundaries, but instead to using high school auditoriums for public meetings.
 - April 2014 is first set of public meetings to introduce the boundary issues and discussions to the public.
 - October 2014 is second set of public meetings to present boundary options and gather feedback.

Natalie asked if there was any discussion about doing away with gifted classes in middle school. Jeff was not sure, but will ask.

Comments from Jeff:

- At our next meeting Jeff will show us the boundary software he has. We will not be able to get a copy of it, but Jeff can provide us information from it.
- The Omega Group (demographer) was used by our professional witnesses in the lawsuit.
- The district might change the K-3 student-teacher ratio, but not any other grades.

Group consensus is to start with elementary school boundary changes, followed by middle and high school next year. Taking on everything at once would be too much work. It makes sense to start with elementary school because that will automatically make changes to middle and high schools due to feeder patterns. The timeline Jeff gave us will be used for elementary school, and basically add one year for middle and high schools.

Group consensus is to make a public announcement SOON that we (E&F) and the district are discussing boundary changes. Jeff said there is some reluctance to do this, possibly from Tony Sanders or Dr. Torres, but he will discuss our desire with them. We suggested announcing it at the January 9th CAC General meeting.

Once our discussion of boundary changes becomes public knowledge, there is a concern that many people will try to attend E&F meetings and possibly join the committee. Since these are public meetings, anyone is allowed to attend them. Becoming a voting committee member, however, requires at a minimum approval of a school's principal. Is there a cut-off date? We will have to watch what happens to see if any problems begin to appear.

Meeting dates for 2014 are scheduled for Tuesday January 21st, Tuesday February 18th, Tuesday March 18th, and Tuesday April 15th. Additional dates will be scheduled as needed.

8:12pm: Natalie motioned to adjourn, Nathan seconded motion.