

Des Moines Public Schools
Superintendent's Facility Advisory Committee

Meeting date:

August 8, 2013 at 5:30 PM

Operations Center, 1917 Dean Avenue

Members Present:

Brian Millard
Marvin Alexander
Joel Doyle
Ed Linebach

Members Absent:

Kris Cooper
Cynthia Hunafa
Meredith Mauro
Jeff Hall
Susie Rider
Mary Lynne Jones

DMPS Staff Present:

Tim Schott
Susan Tallman
Bill Good
Connie Baker

Others Attending:

The four members present determined that a review of the information previously discussed would be beneficial and allow the members who were absent to stay up to date on current information

A question arose regarding open enrollment criteria. Susie explained there are two things that are looked at: 1. based on the diversity plan, and 2. The screened families that are not denied, would then look at the available space in the building- this is not done by name but is on a first/come first/served basis. Appeals may be directed to the OE (Open Enrollment) Department. As kindergarten is an unknown, this group is looked at after school registration. If the school is full where open enrollment was requested, then they will look at options based on space, staff, or neighboring schools.

With members who were unable to attend this meeting, it was agreed by those present that it would be helpful to have Susie give an overview of the information – with the assignment to look at areas, clean up boundaries and feeders and look at capacities in Carver and Capital View areas. Carver will be moving Pre-K to Casady freeing classroom space.

Susie presented a map of the potential Central and NE Section boundaries of elementary schools with the goal of creating feeder patterns and boundaries to the appropriate Middle Schools.

With the pure feeder pattern goal in mind, 11 (Oak Park, Madison, Garton, Brubaker, Stowe, Cattell, Findley, Moulton, Carver, Capitol View, Willard) out of 12 would have pure feeder patterns with Phillips the only one being split.

Handouts are being emailed with the minutes.

Requested information for next time:

Tim Schott will be working on the Goodrell area with the desire in mind to have clean feeder patterns for the Elementary Schools in that area. Tim will be engaging the principals for information and working with Susie Tallman.

Susie T. will continue to look at the elementary boundaries for Findley, Cattell and Moulton (reviewing the numbers at the start of school) and will be in contact with the building administrators, transportation and Vinh Nguyen for ELL information. Also, checking on the programs (Deaf Ed, ELL, SPED) in the areas.

Brian Millard would like to look at Moore as an IB school and how it feeds into an IB Middle School? The committee will be evaluating potential elementary boundaries at Moore and how it may impact surrounding schools. Note: Scavo High School is moving to Central Campus in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming meeting dates and locations scheduled:

5:30 p.m. Wed, Sept. 11, 2013 at 1917 Dean Avenue - Conference Room

5:30 p.m. Wed, Sept 25, 2013 at 1917 Dean Ave – Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Baker