

Des Moines Public Schools

Superintendent's Facility Advisory Committee

Meeting date:

Jan 22, 2014 at 5:30 PM

Operations Center, 1917 Dean

Members Present: Marvin Alexander
Joel Doyle
Jeff Hall
Brian Millard
Ed Linebach
Mary Lynne Jones

Members Absent: Cynthia Hunafa
Meredith Mauro
Kris Cooper

DMPS Staff Present: Susie Tallman
Bill Good
Connie Baker

Others Attending: Mary Stegmeir, DM Register

January 22, 2014 Agenda –

- Review Data
- Review FAQ
- Map Status
- Community Meetings
 - When
 - How Many
 - Format

Bill opened the meeting with a review of the NW current and proposed boundary example (Attachment #1). Susie reviewed the Impact of Proposed Boundary Changes (Attachment #2) with info on the percent of students inside or outside the current boundary. The second page gave information on F&R current year and projected percentage numbers; the number of current ELL students and projected in the boundary. Susie used the example of Carver – shrinking boundary so neighborhood kids can attend their neighborhood school and the number of students impacted. There are several variables that affect the ELL students and what their needs are within the schools. Plans and adjustments based on who comes; what the needs are and projected planning happens every year.

Susie will update the information provided in order to help clarify the information being presented via the handouts (Attachment #2).

- change the % of inside boundaries on page 1 to actual numbers for clarity;
- add ELL percentages on page 2
- add an explanation to the asterisk on page 2.

Bill presented a visual presentation of the work being done on Tableau with proposed and current boundaries which will be available for the group to review individually making it easier to see the proposed changes by utilizing this powerful tool it will also be posted on the district website.

The committee reviewed the Q & A sheet and made suggestions for some changes. Bill will update.

The committee would like to evaluate what the communities propose on guidelines for grandfathering. (Explanation of grandfathering which Susie is working on as a draft). It was suggested to have printed information in multiple languages at the community meetings and possibly a translator.

In an effort to have understandable information for those present at the community meetings, Susie will talk with some of the principals/parents for their input on the presentation materials. The emphasis of the proposed boundary changes is to give students better access to their neighborhood schools with all schools within the district being schools of choice.

Regarding the question on how building capacity is calculated for schools - national capacity figures for elementary classrooms are based on 24 students per classroom, which includes rooms such as: music, art, etc. Bill will get the explanation for the capacity formula for the committee.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS SCHEDULED: Feb 10, 11, 12, 13 to be held at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend any of the meetings, at the following locations and dates are available:

Monday, Feb 10, 2014 NW Quadrant - at Moore - 3725 52nd St. (Cafeteria/Gym)

Tuesday, Feb 11, 2014 CENTRAL Quadrant – at Edmunds Elem - 950 15th St (Library)

Wednesday, Feb 12, 2014 SW Quadrant – Lovejoy Elem - 801 E. Kenyon (Library)

Thursday, Feb 13, 2014 NE Quadrant- Carver Elem - 705 E. University Ave. (Library)

Contacts for Media coverage via: Schools; DMPS Website; Infinite Campus; African American Churches; Radio Stations; Latino Radio Station; Phil Roeder.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Baker