

# Centennial Community Council Minutes

## Wednesday, Sept 12, 2018

Present: Cerissa Thompson, Cindy Jenkins, Linda Francis, Marcie Hayes, Julie Tanner, Deija Peterson, Mara Hammer, Sean Morrison, Paul Anderson, Chuck Crandall, Tami Black, Jaynalee Peterson, Michele Duncan, Sara Thatcher, Marcy McQuiston, Brooke Karras, Amanda Jones, David Tanner, Dr. Darrell White, Steve Snow, TJ Barker, parents from Farmington Jr. High

Ms. Thompson introduced David Tanner, Director of Junior high Schools, who introduced the district team and introduced the timeline and procedure for the boundary decisions. Mr. TJ Barker was introduced as the new principal of Junior High #17. A survey has also been sent out to get input on potential names for junior high #17. Then Dr. Darrell White, Boundary Study Chairman, discussed what the committee has been doing. Things to know:

- The district grows by about 800 students a year.
- The three junior highs in this study, Farmington Junior High, Centennial Junior High, and Legacy Junior High have about 4300 students; capacity for the three schools is 3300.
- Parent survey results indicated that all five priorities listed were considered high priorities!!
- 3 main areas will be moved. Area #1 is Ellison Park Students who have been at Legacy. They will be moved to the new junior high; Area #2 are Heritage and Kay's Creek students who have been at Centennial and will be moving to the new junior high. Area #3 is Endeavor Elementary students who have been at Farmington. Endeavor will now be 100% feeder school to Centennial.
- Centennial will be 100% feeder school to Farmington High School; Junior high #17 will be close to a 50/50 feeder with LHS and DHS; Legacy will switch from its current 56/44 split LHS and CHS to 44/56 LHS and CHS.
- Legacy's enrollment will decrease by 300; Centennial will lose approximately 650 to the new Junior High but will get a little over 100 from Farmington Junior High, making their net decrease about 550 students. Farmington will lose just over 100 students. Farmington, Legacy and Centennial will be close to their capacity size; the new junior high will be under about 100 students. The new junior high and Legacy have the largest and fastest growth areas. A new junior high site has already been purchased for an additional school in 5-6 years.
- Spanish immersion programs will stay at Farmington and Legacy; Chinese Immersion will be at the new junior high #17.
- Biggest areas of concern they have received already through feedback are those on Gentile who live very close to the new junior high but will still be attending Fairfield. Unfortunately moving them would reduce Fairfield's enrollment too much at this point.

Concerns brought up in the meeting:

- Farmington has a new road that will be coming in to connect to the new northern section of the Legacy Parkway. Parents were concerned that this would prompt a change of boundaries and they don't want to be bounced around. It would also make it more dangerous to get to Centennial. The response was that roads do not change school boundaries, but they may impact need for busses and that would have to be addressed later.
- Could 9<sup>th</sup> graders be allowed to stay at their current school? That is not an option. Since most students will be at junior highs with similar or 100% feeder patterns to their high school, they are able to be neighborhood friends. But, the district's variance policy says that every school can offer 1.5% of their enrollment for variances. If students want to stay, they need to apply through the variance process.
- Those families who live in the area of Endeavor elementary had concerns because they are some who stayed at Eagle Bay elementary to participate with the Spanish immersion program and have had to drive their students. They will be able to continue the Spanish program at Farmington Junior High. They wish that their neighborhood would also continue to stay at Farmington so that their children won't be isolated from their neighborhood friends, and also this would take away their bussing options to Farmington Jr. This is a difficult concern because immersion can't be offered at every school and is a voluntary program. They will look at transportation concerns once the boundaries are settled, but they can't make any commitments to offering busses.

Updated information can be found on the website:

<https://www.davis.k12.ut.us/district/boundary-study>

Questions and comments can be sent to:

[jrhighboundarystudy@dsdmail.net](mailto:jrhighboundarystudy@dsdmail.net)

They can't respond to every email, but every email is read by at least one person on the committee.

Mr. Barker, junior high #17 principal, looks forward to hearing from parents with input, questions, concerns. He can be contacted at

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**Next Meeting: Wednesday October 10, 2018 at 4:00pm in the Counseling Center**