

Community Council Notes 09-09-2019

Jody Schaap, Lisa Gill, Sheri Ruvalcaba, Raeann Shelley, Rebecca Pierpont, Laurie Coleman, Brooke Woodall, Elise McKellar, Hillarie Millsaps, Cheryce Whitesides – absent

District Guest: Gwen Hill, Shawna Lund, Kaylynn Carter, Dr. Darrell White, Steve Snow

Boundary Presentation as given by Dr. Darryl White

Highlights:

“There is no such thing as perfect school boundaries.”

Property purchased approx. 10 years ago based on projections of population growth, city, county, UDOT, etc.

Time line on the District website with the final proposal finalized on December 3, 2019

This timeline provides significant opportunities for public input

Review of Goals and Priorities

- Prepare boundaries for a new elementary school
- Reduce enrollment at overcrowded elementary schools in the boundary study area (Sand Springs, Ellison Park, Heritage)
- Balance enrollments of the elementary schools in the boundary study area to the extent practical
Safe walking, Proximity to school, Student capacity of building, School feeder patterns, Natural dividing lines, Language immersion programs, Socio-economic balance

62 current elementary schools –

- Sand Springs – largest enrollment,
- Ellison Park – 2nd largest enrollment,
- Heritage Elementary – 7th largest enrollment

Proposed Boundaries and resulting student populations

Ellison Park – 706

Heritage – 804

Sand Springs – 774

New School – 588

Total – 2,872

Socio-economic Statistics

(percentage of students on free/reduced lunch)

Ellison Park – 19.7%

Heritage – 6.5%

Sand Springs – 8.2

New School – 13.9

This proposal, how you see it, how does it impact your personal situation, neighborhood, and/or school (in your judgement)?

- Will boundaries be changed once the “build out” is finished?
- Boundaries are evaluated about every 5 years.

- Another school is scheduled for south/west area.
- Also, under consideration are the charter schools in the area which have some impact on enrollment.
- Projected growth is projected to 3 – 5 years of enrollment.
- When a school goes off year-round some students will come back from charter schools because of year-round school?
- What are the H.S. boundaries and how do they impact the new elementary school boundaries? District will address this issue.
- What will be bussing rules/routes be for the new school?
 1. Outside of 1.5 miles from the school, on a state approved access, is eligible for bussing.
 2. Space available bussing, 1.4 miles, could also be available for students.
 3. Hazardous route – then it can be approved and funded for bussing.
- The north leg of the new school boundaries will be bussed as will the west of Sand Springs area.
- The variance policy of the district will be followed, however younger siblings have some preference over a new student in immersion. Outside of immersion strict district policy will be adhered to.
- There is no question that a new school creates a new opportunity, although difficult, but kids are more resilient than the parents are.
- The Spanish Immersion program has, in the past, created some division within the school.
- There will be a higher % of immersion students in the beginning but will even-out over 2 – 3 years.
- What about a family that has a 6th grade student and an entering K student, outside of a boundary, will have to go to the new school?
- New school capacity is about 800.
- Heritage – Chinese immersion
- New School – no immersion program

End of Presentation from the District

Other Business

Selection of New Chair

Nominations for chair – Laurie Coleman and Brooke Woodall

The new chair by vote is Brooke Woodall

Laurie Coleman will do minutes.

Brooke indicated that the Accreditation Presentation will be e-mailed.

- Jody will send a link to the video
- Interviewing – students, teachers, administration, parent representatives
- Visits will happen on Tuesday October 8, 2019.
- 2 people will be here to interview – not district, not state people

More parents can be on Community Council – Parent members must nominate parent candidates

Next meeting will be Monday, October 7, 2019

Motion to be adjourned made by: Grant Hall

Motion passed – meeting adjourned at 5:17