

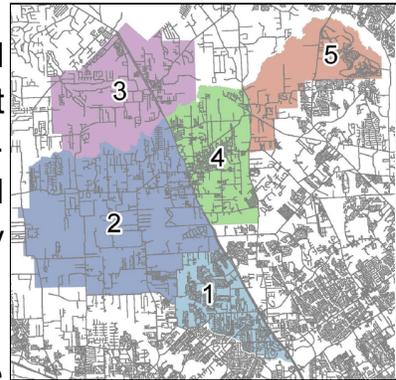
# 2022 District Zone Committee Meeting

## April 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M. in the Tomball ISD Boardroom. Dr. Martha Salazar Zamora, Superintendent of Schools, gave opening remarks and introduced the Tomball ISD School Board President, Mrs. Kathy Handler.

Mr. Rocky Gardiner, Educational Demographer Consultant, with Zonda Education was introduced. Dr. Steven Gutierrez, Chief Operating Officer and Committee Facilitator, asked the Zoning Committee to introduce themselves and the campus or department they represent.

The 2022 District Zoning Committee consists of 24 total members: 2 parents per 5 zones across the District (see graphic) and district administrators. Of the 24 members, 19 members are voting members that will vote to make a recommendation on a plan for boundary adjustments.



Dr. Gutierrez shared the process for making the boundary adjustment. The committee will make a recommendation on a plan; if the plan is in alignment with the administration's recommendation, no further action or Board approval is required. If there is misalignment or disagreement between the committee and administration's recommendations, the Board of Trustees will take action via a Board vote.

No questions were asked regarding the member's role on the committee.

Mr. Gardiner gave an overview of the District demographic report outlining current and projected growth. He indicated that enrollment is up 1,585 students this year and that the housing market in TISD is very strong. The Grand Oaks attendance zone is the fastest growing. He projects that TISD will have 24,000 students within 5 years and 26,000 students within 10 years.

Members broke into discussion groups to share their learning and perspective on the demographics presentation.

A question was posed regarding the impact of the new elementary school on enrollment 2-3 years from now. Will families have to rezone multiple times and is there a possibility of bringing in additional portable buildings? Administration shared that portables have already been brought into several campuses. We have outgrown plan "C" of making no changes at all. The charge of the committee is to make a difficult decision to distribute the student enrollment because there is sufficient capacity within the three schools to accommodate the current and immediate future enrollment. Given the geographical location of some neighborhoods, there is potential for some students to be rezoned multiple times depending on the plan that is selected.

There was a question about the reliability or confidence in the data and how confident are we in the district maintaining the same levels of growth? Mr. Gardiner referred to the data showing the current and future land development. The availability of land, strong housing market and excellent schools increase the confidence in maintaining this level of growth in the District. As part of the monitoring process, the District receives a Fall and Spring report. The projections go out for 10 years; there is a great deal of confidence in the projections in the first 5-6 years. After that, there are a lot of assumptions and reliance on everything remaining the same in the data and economy to support the numbers through years 6-10.

Dr. Gutierrez stated that student safety is the main concern and that TISD's approach to providing a safe passage to school is through providing transportation to all students regardless of their distance from the campus, unlike other Districts that only provide outside of a two mile radius.

Members again broke into discussion groups.

Target capacity was discussed. Ideally the goal is to have all campuses in The Woodlands within their designated building capacity. Sherri Trammell, Creekside Forest Elementary Principal, added that capacity is different among the schools in The Woodlands and depends on the campus configuration and design. While Creekview and Timber Creek Elementary Schools have a capacity for 920 students, Creekside Forest can only accommodate 714 students.

Dr. Salazar Zamora shared that she intentionally served as a substitute teacher at Creekview Elementary this school year in order to gain perspective on the effect of the capacity issues at the campus. While students are receiving a great, 'A' rated education, you can definitely feel and see the increase in enrollment compared to other campuses.

Transportation is aware of concerns regarding bus transportation after rezoning. Sandy Dillman, Director of Transportation, stated that with changes to the school start times for next year, TISD will be able to provide a better and more reliable service with potentially fewer drivers.

During the discussion, a question was asked regarding the cost of the crossing guards at Kuykendahl and Creekside Green Drive. The Woodlands Township representative projected \$201,000 in the spring for the cost of Constables who currently serve as crossing guards, or roughly \$10,000 per week. The consideration of a pedestrian crossing bridge across Kuykendahl was brought up. The Woodlands Township representative agreed that something needs to be done with the intersection and indicated the Township would continue research in this area and would be collaborating with the District and other entities to explore options.

One committee member asked about the possibility of "grandfathering" some students after rezoning. District administration replied that "grandfathering" is not always a viable option and, traditionally, is only offered when a new high school is opened.

Committee members were given maps showing the number of elementary aged students and asked to create additional plans for consideration. With limited time during the meeting, committee members could email plans to have reviewed before the next meeting or plans could be made at the next meeting. The bulk of the next meeting will be looking at the maps and group work in creating alternate plan options.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 10 am in the TISD Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 P.M.