

AGENDA
PARKSIDE ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
4PM, Thursday, September 7, 2023

1. Welcome and Attendance:

- Returning Parent Representatives – Mr. Eric Lepisto (Acting Chair), Ms. Connie Stanger (Acting Vice Chair), Ms. Sarah Bhattarai (Acting Secretary), Mr. Rob Cate
- New Parent Representatives – Ms. Rebecca Alvey, Mr. Trevor Hansen
- Staff Representatives – Ms. Sandra Carmony (principal), Ms. Rachael Parrish (teacher rep)

2. School Boundary Study Presentation

- Public feedback can be emailed (boundarystudy@dsdmail.net) or given in person at board meetings or the public hearing on October 16. Proposed maps and boundary study timeline can be viewed here (https://out.smore.com/e/sec24/4BAXUb?_Su)
- Issue: growing on the west and decreasing on the east with aging neighborhoods
- Doxey, Freemont, and Sunset will be consolidated to two elementary schools (close Freemont)
- One option is to pull students from West Clinton to fill Parkside because West Clinton is too full. If Parkside boundaries moved west, then this school would still be split to both Jr Highs and the Jr High boundary would be back to where it currently is
- Concern for safety crossing the larger roads, especially with the widening of 2000 W and 1800 N
- Teacher's concerns: we are landlocked and we are also aging; concerned about losing neighborhoods that will also cause us to lose teachers
- We would like a map of the bus routes with the new proposed elementary and jr high boundaries
- Last year we had 470 students at Parkside, this year we have 420.
- Rachel Child, Safety:
 - Moving the neighborhood south of 1800 to Clinton would require many children to walk and cross 2000 W and pass by many business exits. The study is working on finding out if this neighborhood could get a bus.
- Shannon speaking for Kimberly Bailey, Special Education Workload and Quality
 - Jeopardizes full time status to SPED at Parkside and adds to workload of overloaded teachers at Clinton Elem
- Charity Williams, Volunteers/Staffing
 - Number of staff and volunteers in neighborhood getting cut is about 50%
 - 10 school employees in the neighborhood being moved to Clinton Elem, many of these employees work at this school because their kids go to this school
 - About half of the PTA and many volunteers live in that neighborhood and this change can leave a huge deficit on Parkside on this front
- With this current proposal, Parkside, Clinton El, Sunset, Doxey will all be around 400 students, give or take (with their projections).

- Allison Spencer, social exclusion, not feeling like a part of the neighborhoods to the east of 2000 W because of the stretch of businesses in between them
 - Move the boundary between Clinton and Parkside to 2000 W, south of 1800
 - West boundary to 2475 south of 1800, but the problem with this is it crosses high school boundaries which is out of the scope of this study
 - Jr high boundary going down 2000
- Emma McNeal, Variance Process
 - Elementary Variance is based on available space per grade; Clinton, Parkside, Sunset, and Doxey will most likely have space available.
 - Jr High variance is based on available space per entire school
- Ms. Egbert, SPED resource teacher at Parkside
 - Put the neighborhood south of 1800 at west Clinton so they won't have to cross 2000 W or 1800.
 - Move Parkside boundary west, possibly as far as the pond in order to give Parkside better numbers
- Sept 27 6pm West Point Jr High: Boundary Open House
 - Hopefully DSD Transportation will be there with info about buses, and elementary principals will attend to answer questions about their schools

3. Election of Officers for 2023-2024 – Mr. Lepisto*

Moved to the meeting next week (Sept 7th, 4:15pm, in person)

4. Meeting Calendar for 2023-2024 – Mr. Lepisto*

Rest of the year: Not the 3rd Wednesdays, Not the 1st Thursdays, no Tuesdays

Meet next week on Thursday, Sept 7 at 4:15pm, in person

For the rest of the year, we will meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month

5. Other Items of Business*

none

6. Next meeting:

Sept 7th, 4:15pm, in person

7. Members Excused

none