

**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:** Helene van Natter, Steve Snow, DSD Boundary Study Commission  
***Issue:*** growing on the west and decreasing on the east with aging neighborhoods  
***Aim:*** To maintain student enrolment around 400 pupils  
***Factors:*** Maintaining student populations in 4 schools (Parkside, Clinton, Doxey, Sunset), Maintaining Junior High Feeder Patterns, Promoting student safety with the widening of 1800 due to new off-ramp and upcoming construction  
***Restriction:*** Cannot change High School boundaries
- **Notes:**
  - Parkside had about 470 students last year; now it is around 420. All neighborhoods east of 2000 W are aging, meaning the elementary student population is shrinking.
  - Doxey, Freemont, and Sunset will be consolidated to two schools (close Freemont)
  - Variances will be allowed where space is available. Teachers may have their child at the school where they teach. 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
- **Primary Concerns:**  
***Safety:*** Concern for safety of children needing to cross the larger roads, especially with the widening of 1800 N and the on-going hazards posed by 2000 W. Note that students that will have to change schools will most likely travel down 1300 N, **not** 1800 N, which is a further distance to travel—a distance that would meet eligibility for a bus. Making any child to travel down or cross a multi-lane road, especially one with major construction and/or high traffic, is a safety concern. Please also note the current difficulty in getting a sufficient number of crossing guards and substitute crossing guards for the current ones.  
***Bussing:*** Bussing is insufficient. Better guarantees are needed. Need to have more representation and input from transportation authorities.

**Special Population:** Population living currently in neighborhood west of 2000W and/or south of 1800 N account for at least 10 faculty and staff, 6 special needs students, and a majority of school volunteers and active PTA members

- **Specific Comments from Speakers**

**Rachel Parrish, Teacher Concerns:** Recognize that the school is landlocked and population is aging; concerned about losing neighborhoods that will also cause us to lose teachers and staff

**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/entrances/driveways. The study is working on finding out if this neighborhood could get a bus. (Some families west of 2000 W and south of 1800 N have a bus.

**Shannon Bolt, Special Education Workload and Quality** (speaking for Kimberly Bailey): 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

**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

**Emma McNeal, Variance Process:** What will the variance process be?

**Lisa Egbert,** SPED resource teacher at Parkside: Made suggestions (see below) that considered new growth in Sunset and Clearfield.

**Note:** Additional Comments have been summarized and integrated above and below. Notes from the PTA Community Meeting are attached at the end of the minutes.

- **Suggestions/Requests:**

1. Put Clinton and Parkside boundaries at 2000 W to avoid crossing this road. Expand Parkside's eastern boundary to the railroad (city line, natural border)
2. Pull students from West Clinton to fill Parkside because West Clinton is too full.
3. If Parkside's boundaries moved west, then the students would still be split across to both Jr Highs and the Jr High boundary would be back to where it currently is
4. Provide a map of the bus routes with the new proposed elementary and jr high boundaries. Make bus routes more easily viewable/accessible on the DSD website.
5. Move the Parkside's W boundary to 2000 W, south to 1800,
6. Extend school's NW boundary to 2475 South (but this would cross high school boundaries which is out of the scope of this study)
7. Establish Jr High boundary going down 2000

8. Put students from the neighborhood south of 1800 and west of 2000 W at West Clinton Elementary so they won't have to cross 2000 W or 1800.
9. Move Parkside boundary west, possibly as far as the pond (2300 N at 3000 W?) in order to give Parkside better numbers.
10. Bussing regulations should be reviewed and improved. Recognize that the distances are set at the state level, but this should not ignore the need for more attention to actual routes that will be traveled by children as well as hazardous areas when calculating eligibility. Current distances for Junior High bussing are considered too long and place excessive burden on families to transport students to Junior High.

- **Public Feedback:**

Feedback is still being solicited. People can email (boundarystudy@dsdmail.net) or provide in person at board meetings or the public hearing on October 16. People are also welcome to attend the **Boundary Open House** that will be held Sept 27, 6pm at West Point Jr High--Open forum (no presentations) to meet parties involved with study and related concerns. Hopefully, DSD Transportation will be there with info about buses, and elementary principals will attend to answer questions about their schools Proposed maps and boundary study timeline. can be viewed here ([https://out.smore.com/e/sec24/4BAXUb?\\_Su](https://out.smore.com/e/sec24/4BAXUb?_Su)).

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

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

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

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

For the rest of the year, we will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month

(Rest of the year: Not Wednesdays, Tuesdays, or 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays)

5. Other Items of Business: None (tabled until next meeting)

6. Next meeting: Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:15pm, in person

7. Members Excused

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**Public Attendees:** Allison Spencer\*, Shannon Bolt\*, Ginger Buck, Emma McNeal\*, Jessica Bowman, Marcy Payne, Charity Williams\*, Jasee Burrell\*, Maria Clark, Susan Calero, Lisa Egbert\*, Cassi Kelley, Cassie Smith, Emily Price, Ashley Olney, Julie Jones, Lindsay Cain, Alice Cuning, Natalie Hansen, Rachel Child\*, Anna Higgs (\* after name denotes speaker)

**District Representatives:** Helene van Natter, Steve Snow of DSD Boundary Study Commission, Ruth Ann Keller--Area Supervisor, Emily Price--School Board Representative

**ATTACHMENT 1:**  
**Notes from Parkside PTA Neighborhood Meeting, September 5, 2023**  
 Preparation for Community Council Meeting--Boundary Proposal

**Topics and Spokespersons**

**Safety (Rachel Child)**

- Busing-*may* 1.5 miles for Elementary, *may* 2 miles for Jr. High.
  - No bus causes kids to cross 2000 (5 lane road)
  - No bus causes kids to walk through the businesses and past drive-thrus (along 1800)
- Crossing Guard-if there are lights, a crossing guard is not required.
- Avoidance for crossing 1800 N
  - There is a strong concern from UDOT about not wanting kids to cross 1800 with it being widened and having a freeway interchange. 1800 and Antelope Drive in Syracuse city will be similar and kids who live south of Antelope drive cross Antelope to attend school at both Cook and Syracuse Elementary schools, possibly others as well. So why the difference here in Clinton?
- 1800 N 2000 W intersection
  - 6 lane intersection
  - 5 business, 2 church openings along the sidewalk
    - All-state Insurance strip mall
    - Zaxby's
    - Taco Time strip mall
    - Wal-Mart
    - Lynwood Service Center
    - Pictures: sidewalk west of Zaxby's facing west, SW corner of 1800 N/2000 W intersection facing NE, NW corner of 1800 N/2000 W intersection facing SW



- Neighborhood Division
  - social exclusion: kids are isolated/ostracized because they go to a different school within the neighborhood community
  - community division: Stakes/wards (Religious congregations) are divided
- Special Education Workload and Quality (**Kimberly Bailey**)
  - jeopardizes full time status and adds to workload of overloaded teachers
  - Peers at school

