

Middle School Boundary/Attendance Area Committee Meeting

Oct 28, 2024

Attending:

Susan Pettit , Heidi Kessler , Stuart Johnson , Patrick Vereecken , Tom Chatterton, Joy Reece, Brett Bringhurst, Carrie Bottenberg, Micki Galloway, Amber Pitkin and Vanessa Sutton.

Absent: Brandon Vaughan Mandy Keller, Jackie Wood, Sarah Cook

Sue updated the team on the Elementary decisions. They are discussing possibly closing a school and meeting again next week to make the decisions. They are considering one or two schools for closings.

Sue received a copy of the proposed residential building in Pocatello/Chubuck for the next couple of years and shared the report. Sue shared the information she received on the number of students living in various areas on the middle school boundary map. Stuart asked if she had the projections, she didn't but stated it was unchanged. She shared the information on the projections for the small noted areas on the map of 4th, 5th and 6th grade. She also shared that her middle school administrators decided these would be the easiest areas (on map) to rezone. This is in response to the committee asking for their suggestions. Tendoy area - west of the interstate - 15 students in the top third of the area, 42 students in the middle third, and 42 in the lower third - FMS students currently, would go to AMS. Area bounded by Oak, Walnut, Jefferson and I15 - 30 students; 13th street, Oak, Landers, and Pocatello Ave- 24 students - IMS students currently, would go to AMS. Siphon to Reservation road, west of Philbin, 29 students from IMS to HMS. She stated we would need to see what the Elementary Committee plans on doing in order to look at feeder schools. If there is a closed elementary school, it could possibly impact about 8 other elementary schools. If the Middle School Committee chooses to work with feeder schools, it would change all of the middle school numbers.

The committee talked about the projected numbers based on the GIS and the accuracy of those. Sue stated we also have to take into consideration the returning private and charter school students.

Vanessa talked about the lack of a south of town culture. She talked about country club kids attending IMS and wondered why they didn't attend FMS. Heidi spoke to her perception of there being a culture. Stuart talked about the boundary of IMS and how they benefit from pulling from south of town per F/R numbers. It balances them out and gives diversity.

Sue stated there is a lot of space where there is nobody living.

There was discussion about the current High School boundaries and growth south of town. They also talked about the last boundary change for the high schools.

Stuart talked about the goal of balancing and the moving a little area to AMS, it doesn't bring FMS numbers down. Need to move 40 or move students to achieve that. Is there an area in

the Tendoy zone that would do that? Would that impact the socioeconomic status of these schools? It would be interesting to see the demographics in the apartments. Can look at census data for this information. We can pull the F/R numbers of the students in that area.

Some suggestions on changes....

Bottom blue university area of FMS 32 pocket as well for IMS

Possibly the Blue area 15th and Bonneville

For HMS the IMS section by Kraft road

Moving HMS and AMS to the East ? Maybe look at the numbers in those borders.

Maybe the north section on the west side for HMS.

The section down by the gap in IMS boundaries. Fort Hall Mine road.

Fairgrounds area, the two neighborhoods...for AMS?

Do we want to meet next week or take a week off and wait and see what the elementary decides. It was decided to take a week off.