

Middle School Boundary/Attendance Area Committee Meeting

Oct 21, 2024

Attending:

Susan Pettit , Debbie Grecco for Heidi Kessler , Stuart Johnson , Patrick Vereecken ,
Brandon Vaughan , Tom Chatterton, Joy Reece, Brett Bringhurst, Carrie Bottenberg, Micki
Galloway Amber Pitkin, Vanessa Sutton, and Sarah Cook

Absent: Mandy Keller, Jackie Wood

Sue reviewed previous boundaries and expectations for enrollment numbers from previous boundary changes. She shared middle school enrollment information from 8th grade 23-24 into high school for this year. Sue shared the current students by streets on the map and gave the number of students in each area. She will gain access to GIS to continue looking at student numbers in various areas.

Tom shared development predictions from the developer he spoke with. Developer said there will be growth but couldn't predict where. Discussed the new construction behind the Northgate apartments. Housing going in above Jefferson and land by CHS is now for sale. Hart ranch might be selling off some land.

Sue said that the elementary committee is currently working on coming up with some solutions to the declining enrollment. It was asked if elementary boundaries affect middle school. Sue explained that last time we tried to line up the elementaries so they fed into the middle schools. She said the goal was feeder schools but sometimes that works, sometimes it doesn't. Stuart talked about balancing out the numbers and there are a few areas but asked if that will meet all of the criteria.

It was suggested that we make tentative minor changes to even out the numbers and wait to see what elementary does so we can look at feeder schools. Sue's goal is balancing numbers, maintaining socioeconomic and bussing. Sue was asked if transportation would give input? The answer is yes. Vanessa says we can do better than just a bussing issue.

Stuart talked about the chunk of FMS boundaries on the west side of I15 and the IMS neighborhoods above Siphon Rd. Asked to gather GIS data at a smaller grain. SM will look into the 7 from FMS that are now attending PHS. How did they get there? Four were boundary moves, 2 were placements and 1 was split addresses. Sue showed a few options on the map to look into the number of students in those areas. It was suggested that the middle school principals look at making some notes to highlight some areas that are worth looking at rezoning. Stuart is interested in the F/R in some areas. GIS could help with demographics of the housing in those areas. Siphon and up north are higher socioeconomic demographics for IMS.

It was asked if the decrease in enrollment will impact middle school student numbers in 5 to 6 years. Do the lower numbers in kindergarten mean that we will have to redo boundaries in 4 to

5 years? Maybe. Sue shared the information on vouchers for private schools and what that would mean if that passes the legislature. Public education is in a state of flux.

For the next meeting; report from elementary and access to GIS. MS principals and Sue will get together for possibilities. Sue may email the report.