School Capacity & Utilization Task Force

Meeting Minutes # 7
March 24, 2026, 5-7 p.m.
1501 39th AVE SW, Puyallup, WA 98373

Members:
Present: LaShawnda Baldwin, Ed Crow, Chris Harris, Julie Hunter, Glenn Imke, Michele Jangula, Mark Knight, Brady Martin, Daniel Martinez, Rae McNally, Karen Mool, Dr. Vincent Pecchia, Kinsey Pitsinger, Victoria Treffry, Rebecca Williams,

Absent: Cari Ake, Lauralee Chamberlain, Sarah Gillispie, Maricella Gonzalez, David Ham, Bob Horton, Meagan Rakoci-McDonald, Quavion Swazer

Meeting Documents

SCUT Meeting 6 Minutes

SCUT Meeting 7 Agenda

SCUT Meeting 7 Power Point

2025-26 School Enrollment Projection & Capacity Slides

Welcome/Approve Meeting 6 Minutes

Brian started off this meeting by welcoming the members and reviewing the meeting agenda. He shared the goal for the meeting is to finalize the recommendation package for the upcoming board presentation this spring. With this goal in mind Brian reminded the members in attendance that there will be a formal vote today. The Meeting Minutes from Meeting 6 were reviewed and then approved with no modifications.

Before moving onto the next section Brian took a moment to celebrate Daniel's third year with the task force and for entering his senior year in high school. Congratulations Daniel!

Review School Enrollment & Capacity Slide Updates

Brian started the next section by sharing revised enrollment & capacity slides. There were a few things to note and mention regarding the updates:

- The Junior High charts have been updated to adjust building capacity to reflect the Microsoft Office instructional model, that pulls students from other classes during the week. That classroom yields zero capacity in our analysis, and we removed that classroom from the capacity listing. A task force member mentioned that Microsoft Office may not continue next past this year. Brian will verify and provide the correct capacity charts with the board presentation.
- For High school, the charts have been updated to reflect sixth period enrollment. This was added due to the following:
    - Historically, staff have used the P223 Headcount enrollment counts to represent building demand.
    - Due primarily to part-time Running Start enrollment, high schools never have the reported enrollment number onsite at any given time. 6th period has the highest number of registered students throughout the day at each of the comprehensive high schools. Previous charts that utilize P233 headcount enrollment overestimate the building demand throughout the day.

Review SCUT 2025-26 Draft Recommendations

Brian next shared both the current 2024-25 recommendation package and the draft 2025-26 recommendation package.

Waiver Management:

- Enrollment over the next two-year period is projected to be greater than 93% of the Building Capacity with portables at the following schools. Dessie Evans Elem, Edgerton Elem, Firgrove Elem, Fruitland Elem, Northwood Elem, Pope Elem, Sunrise Elem, Glacier View JH, Emerald Ridge HS, and Puyallup HS Staff will continue to manage non-resident waivers at Edgerton, Pope, Glacier View, and Emerald Ridge by maintaining, but not expanding, non-resident enrollment counts

Glacier View Junior High Update:

No proposed change. The standing recommendation remains:

- Commission a boundary review committee (BRC) in 2026-27 to recommend a boundary change between Glacier View Junior High and Ferrucci Junio High for implementation in 2027-28 or later.

Northwood Elementary Update:

The standing recommendation was updated – see bolded text.

- Relocate the QUEST program from Northwood Elementary to Mt. View Elementary for the **2027-28 school year.**
    - Option: Relocate Transition to Kindergarten from Mt. View to Northwood Elementary at the time QUEST is relocated.

Emerald Ridge High School Update:

The standing recommendation was updated – see bolded text.

- Convert Project Areas to classrooms as early as **2027-28**.

Approve 2025-26 SCUT Recommendation Package

Before the formal vote Brian called for members to comment on any additions or concerns, they had for each recommendation below are the various member comments and responses for this section:

- Glacier View Junior High Recommendation
    - Member Comment - The surrounding houses are being built in the surrounding areas, so more kids. Includes the Edgerton and ER areas too.
        - Brian's response – Agreed, the continued growth of the Sunrise Master Plan area is the main driver for the boundary change. Due to the focus on just two schools (GVJH/FJH), the proposed boundary review work will be more streamlined than that of the 2016-2018 BRC that was much more comprehensive.
- Northwood Elementary Recommendation
    - Member Comment – TK program is up in the air in this scenario.
        - Brian's response – TK would be relocated if moving the 3 QUEST classrooms from Northwood to Mt View creates capacity issues at Mt. View.
- Emerald Ridge High School Recommendation
    - Member Comment – Brian shared the written comments of a member not able to attend the meeting today shared on this recommendation. The member felt the current recommendation is

needed and encourages the district to move forward with this plan as it will allow more students into the building.

- Student Member comment – Will this be all 3 project areas be converted?
  - Student Member Comment - Project areas are used by the students a lot, considered useful by students. Perhaps consideration of leaving one as a project area.
  - Member Comment - Project area also helps relieve the daily walking traffic during the passing periods. If we converted all 3 projects areas it leaves both staff and students only 2 different ways to cross from one side of the building to the other.

- Additional Member Comments (general):
  - Being considerate of the budget cuts as we do not know the full impact of this decision right now. This is regarding the staffing, as staffing also plays a role in these recommendations.
  - Waiver Management – This is the Capacity Taskforce's view, that the district may have other reasons besides capacity to close a school to waivers.
  - Dual Language at Dessie Evans – Dessie Evans does not have available capacity. Dual Language cohorts start off with 2 classes per grade in kindergarten continuing through 3rd grade. This leads to challenging class sizes when Dual Language is consolidated into one classroom from 4th – 6th grade, in part due to capacity constraints.
  - TK program comment – Possibility of needing to add and consider the TK program as it is currently being defunded by the state to the waiver management list.
  - Lastly, there was general discussion around staffing and class sizes, with a particular concern at Edgerton Elementary.

Prior to the formal vote, a member commented that a color change to the graphic for Northwood and GVJH would be helpful. Staff agreed to make these adjustments accordingly.

Brian then conducted a formal vote to approve the draft recommendation package. With 13 members in attendance, the results are:

Voting:

- Favor: Unanimous with 13 voting members
- Against: 0

2026-27 SCUT Work Program & Membership

Brian reviewed the anticipated schedule for SCUT in 2026-27 and asked members to complete a survey regarding participation next year. Brian closed by thanking the members for their time, knowledge and other contributions throughout this year.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30PM

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