

Meeting: Demographic Trends and Facility Planning Committee Meeting

Date: November 20, 2025

Time: 4:30p.m. – 6:00p.m. **Location:** Teams

☒ Angie Funk (arrived at 4:42 p.m.)	☒ Ashley O'Brien (joined virtually; left at 5:36 p.m.)	☒ Caro Johnson*	☒ Joe Koller	☐ Kate Day
☒ Katie Sideri	☒ Margot Dahling	☐ Jeremy Traynor	☒ Ray French	☐ Ryan Petrie
☒ Ryan Weichelt	☐ Yiliu Yang	☐	☐	☐
Non-Voting Resource Members				
☒ Kim Koller	☒ Jeff Nestor	☒ Mike Johnson Left at 5:09 p.m.	☐	☐

* Committee Chair

The regular meeting of the Demographic Trends and Facility Planning Committee was called to order by Caro Johnson at 4:33p.m. on November 20, 2025. The Quorum was met.

Approval of Previous Minutes

- The minutes from October 16, 2025, were reviewed.
 - Margot Dahling made a motion to approve the October 16, 2025, Demo & Trends Committee minutes. The motion was seconded by Katie Sideri. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Elementary Enrollment

- Kim proposed that we change the agenda order and do updates and next steps first.

Updates and Next Steps

- Mike provided updates on the process, new information, and moving forward:
 - He emphasized the importance of discussing the guiding principles, including equity, with the Board, as well as the need for a new population study and a community-wide survey to establish these principles.
- The committee focused on clarifying the role and purpose of Demo and Trends within the District's decision-making process. A central theme was the need to shift from the committee acting as a direct recommending body toward a clearer advisory role, with Administration and the School Board providing a defined charge. They emphasized the need for the committee to serve as a resource for drafting scenarios and providing feedback.
- A multiphase, research based process for addressing enrollment decline, capacity issues, potential consolidation, and boundary changes was discussed, along with a timeline.
 - We are in the middle of Phase 2 (analyzing enrollment); demo and trends fit in other various phases along the way:
 - Phase 3 (boxes 1 and 3); back and forth with Administration (financial impact of each option); transportation impact, economic impact; perhaps this is where the committee charge fits in.
 - Phase 6 (box 2; analyze 3rd Friday counts and see impact of changes).

Elementary Enrollment

- Significant discussion centered on enrollment trends; especially declining elementary enrollment contrasted with stronger middle and high school numbers. The committee reviewed limitations of the 2021 Applied Population Lab (APL) study due to pandemic affected data and agreed that a new population study is needed to provide more reliable projections. There are 4 ways to project: Baseline, 5-year, 3-year, 4K trend.

- Members also raised concerns about how specialized programs (such as Bridges, an alternative option of continuum support and services) affect building capacity calculations and emphasized the need for more accurate representations in future analyses. Jeff will recalculate Putnam Heights' capacity and enrollment percentage to accurately reflect the space used by the Bridges program; Kim will update related documents with an asterisk and explanatory note.

The committee will not meet until we have a new APL population study.

Wrap-up Meeting

- Next meeting – January 22, 2026; in person at District office; *this is dependent upon new APL study.*

Katie Sideri moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joe Koller. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.