



## **Internal Attendance Boundary Committee May 8, 2019 Meeting Summary**

### **Call to Order**

The fourth meeting of the Internal Attendance Boundary Committee was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Committee members present: Alejandra Adame Barcenas, Cecilie Ballard, Jenna Boyd, Carrie Brooker, Gretchen Collins, Joanna Cree, Julie Colmar-Davis, Kathleen Franzen, David Goeddel, Julie Johnson, Elizabeth Kemp, Allison La Tarte, Lisa Labissoniere, Katherine McCallum, Scott Neville, Kathy Nieber-Lathrop, Debra Pickett, Marina Probasco, Brian Shaw, Tami Shaw, Ryan Sippel, Kim Sloan, Justine Wegner, Julie Winklemann.

Committee member not present: Meghna Kuckreja.

Others present: Drew Howick, Mark Roffers, George Mavroulis, Sherri Cyra, Lori Ames, Maria Dyslin, Jeff Fedler, Perry Hibner, Bob Green.

### **Welcome and Overview**

Drew Howick reviewed the meeting goals. He noted the committee will have a chance to evaluate the first option and that Mark Roffers will walk members through the maps. Members will also evaluate the option and provide feedback, which is the same process that will be used for all future options considered. He also told members they will get a chance to identify which voices aren't on the committee that they want to hear from and what they want to learn. The plan to hear from those people will be presented at the next meeting.

Howick noted each table has copies of the criteria the committee should use when evaluating options and the collective commitment. Howick noted table members may have different ideas and emphasized that is a good thing. "It will help us learn from one another," he said.

Assistant Superintendent Sherri Cyra noted the revised Question and Response document was sent out before the meeting. The District doesn't plan to provide printed copies because of its length.

She then asked members to introduce themselves to everyone else at their table and gave them 10 minutes to talk about being part of a community and a time when felt courageous. Cyra said the District often opens meetings with these types of discussions in order to build community.

"These are tough decisions so the more we get to know one another the more it will help," she said.

Howick reviewed feedback from members regarding last meeting, noting there were lots of positive comments about the equity presentation. Members also requested more input from District

administration. Members also want to hear viewpoints of others not at the meetings and know how they feel about the impact of possible options.

## **Option A Overview**

Consultant Mark Roffers reviewed foundational information. He reminded members there are 71 different neighborhoods that make up the District and also showed a map of the current elementary attendance areas along with the enrollment in each area.

He then reviewed possible walking zones for each of the seven elementary schools starting in 2020. He reminded them walking zones for Park and Sunset Ridge are unlikely to be assigned to another school and that Sunset Ridge and West Middleton currently don't have walking zones.

Roffers reviewed elementary enrollment projections and projects 516 more students at the elementary level by 2030. By adding Pope Farm, the District will have enough capacity to meet enrollment needs at that level, but that it is likely some schools will be over capacity. He also reviewed neighborhoods where enrollment is expected to grow the most over the next decade.

Roffers also reviewed diversity at each current elementary school as of April 2019. He shared the percentages of students of color, English Language Learners and on free and reduced lunch. He said each option will also include current percentage of those students who would be at each school if boundaries were redrawn now, but that there is no way to predict how they would change due to future enrollment. A member asked how the District determines a student's color and Cyra said MCPASD uses a census form filled out by families to determine if someone is a student of color. They are considered one if the family doesn't classify the child as white.

Roffers said each option he presents will include a map that shows which school each neighborhood is assigned to. Members will also see current enrollment, projected enrollment in 2025 and 2030 and the diversity percentages for the school as of April 2019. Members will also receive a dashboard tool to evaluate an option against the criteria. He noted options don't come from administration and are intended to spur conversation and lead to committee ideas and recommendations. He also said no option will meet 100 percent of every criteria.

Members then received the map and dashboard for Option A and Roffers did an overview. He noted Pope Farm Elementary would include all of the Blackhawk and Elderberry neighborhoods, which would help reduce West Middleton enrollment. Option A suggests that all neighborhoods in the southeast corner of the District near Gammon/McKenna would attend West Middleton.

Roffers noted many options will have a domino effect on attendance areas for other schools but tried to minimize the number of students impacted. He noted Sauk Trail loses students in Neighborhood 25 (Blackhawk) so to compensate the school would get students from northeast area of District who currently attend Northside.

He then reviewed how the option impacts projected elementary enrollment. Under this option, West Middleton would be the only school over capacity in 2025. By 2030, Park, Pope Farm and West Middleton would be over capacity. Roffers noted it will be challenging to keep West Middleton and

Pope Farm under capacity because that is where most of the growth is. He also reminded members Park has the ability to expand its capacity with an addition.

Roffers said 22 percent of elementary students would change schools under Option A and 68 percent of those students would go to Pope Farm. He added 16 neighborhoods would change schools. The option has 84 percent of students attending the closest school in 2025, compared with 71 percent today, which he said really good and quite high compared to other districts.

Roffers also presented a possible way under this option for students to feed into the two middle schools. Park and Pope Farm would attend Glacier Creek, while Elm Lawn, Northside and Sauk Trail would continue to attend Kromrey. West Middleton would send students in its western area to Glacier Creek and those in its eastern area to Kromrey. Sunset Ridge students along Highway 12 would go to Kromrey, while the others go to Glacier Creek.

### **Table Discussions and Closure**

Howick reviewed the evaluation process members should use to consider options. He asked members to fill out their dashboard individually and the discuss their answers at the tables. Some recorded responses at each table. He also asked members to discuss criteria areas where there were different opinions, noting the goal wasn't to get consensus but hoping to understand why others may have evaluated things differently.

Each table then shared out their thoughts. There was lots of discussion about West Middleton still being overcrowded. Some members were worried Sauk Trail still has lots of free and reduced lunch students. Members had concerns about how to evaluate fiscal responsibility and some other criteria. Roffers said he would be surprised if options have radically different fiscal impacts.

Howick asked members to develop requests and considerations for Roffers for future options. The plan is to share two more options at the next meeting.

Members were given time at each table to discuss what groups-neighborhoods they want to hear from and what they need to know from them. That information was then shared out. Howick noted this information will help the District shape an outreach strategy and that process isn't in place because administrators wanted to learn from members. Director of Business Services Lori Ames will collect and review the feedback and expects members will want to hear from students and families of color and ELL students and families. She also noted the District has lots of staff resources who can help us with this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.