

Des Moines Public Schools

Superintendent's Facility Advisory Committee

Meeting date:

Nov 6, 2013 at 5:30 PM

Operations Center, 1917 Dean

Members Present:	Brian Millard Marvin Alexander Joel Doyle Ed Linebach Jeff Hall	Members Absent:	Cynthia Hunafa Susie Rider Mary Lynne Jones Kris Cooper Meredith Mauro
DMPS Staff Present:	Susie Tallman Tim Schott Bill Good Connie Baker	Others Attending:	n/a

Nov. 6, 2013 Agenda –

- Flipping the Work Plan
Review Draft of Board Presentation – Bill Good
“A Phased Approach”
- Review of Attendance Area Changes
Elementary – Susie Tallman
Goodrell – Tim Schott
- Next Meeting
5:30 PM – November 20th
- Board Meeting Update
6:00 PM December 10th

To start the meeting, Bill reviewed the draft slide presentation based on previous committee suggestions and will send this to the committee for their review.

Next, Susie Tallman distributed a revised proposed elementary boundary draft with changes to elementary ~~only~~ resulting in balancing enrollment in 17 schools and 5 schools with more neighborhood access. The committee reviewed the proposed elementary map with additional changes to specific areas – the middle school and high schools would remain the same as last year except for Goodrell/Harding.

Not all elementary schools will have the true feeder patterns into the MS and HS with the recommended changes but these changes will better balance enrollment in the elementary schools and improve the feeder alignment. Ed Linebach asked about the plan in relationship to Moore – it will be included in Hoover's projected enrollment.

Susie also presented information on the schools of choice boundaries of ¼ up to ½ mile and number of students affected at each location with the boundary expanded: Phillips (164); Walnut St (13); Downtown School (21); Cowles (38); Jefferson (89). A review of the shaded areas followed (see attached sheet).

Comments on what had been presented in the previous meeting and working toward the development of true feeder patterns from Elem through High School, led to a discussion and review of how the committee originally started with boundaries for Middle and High schools and waiting to work through the elementary boundaries. Bill and Tim agreed that the original committee started at the MS & HS boundary level, due to the importance of the impact on these students at these grade levels. The alignment created middle school feeders to high schools with only the Weeks area being divided between Lincoln and East.

Tim S. commented that looking ahead, and in order to have true feeder patterns as previously presented to the committee, would affect 'every' boundary within the district and is the price of this worth it? Should the committee stick with the board request of aligning choice schools and elementary school enrollments with a view to improve the enrollment balance within the schools of choice and the elementary school boundaries? The group had further discussions on how this would work, and what the committee should work on.

Susie reminded the committee of the importance to elementary students to connect with neighborhood schools at the same time moving 'toward a few' true feeder patterns. Tim S. shared the companion to this is the elementary doesn't change any current high school boundary. The change would occur with Goodrell/Harding middle school boundaries. Due to the physical locations of the elementary schools it is not possible to align the elementary schools with the current middle school boundaries (there would not be a true feeder pattern at this time).

The committee continued to discuss the options and that they do not feel ready to give a recommendation until they have more information. They would like to meet again to review where they are as to the cleanup of elementary boundaries; boundaries on choice schools – to become neighborhood schools. Setup times to get feedback from communities on how the recommended changes affect their students. Is the concept to more equalize the size of high schools, build a new high school (which is not recommended not only due to the high cost, but the fact that there is adequate capacity in the high schools now); adding more classroom spaces where needed in the long range goals? The committee will continue to discuss the direction and timeline they would like to take after receiving more information at the next meeting.

Requested information for next time:

- Susie will make adjustments discussed at the meeting in the following areas: Findley, Oak Park, Madison, Jefferson, Park Avenue, and Wright.
- Review the Free and Reduced numbers.
- Review ELL.

Upcoming meeting date and location scheduled:

5:30 p.m. – November 20, 2013 at 1917 Dean Avenue Conference Room

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Baker