

2012 Attendance Area Committee
Meeting #2
July 3, 2012

Summary

The second meeting of the 2012 Attendance Area Committee (AAC) began at 7:00 PM. Jennifer Bubenko, Planning Specialist, opened the meeting.

Staff members in attendance:

Ken Roey, Executive Director, Facilities Planning and Management
Joel Gallihue, Manager of School Planning
Tim Rogers, Planning Analyst
Jennifer Bubenko, Planning Specialist

Committee members in attendance:

Khalid Boushaba	Lisa Schlossnagle
Amy Grutzik	Marc Steingesser
Bill Lewis	James Weidemann
Geoffrey Pickett	Michelle Yeh
Brendan Robinson	Carmesha Young

Committee members not in attendance:

Renee Kamen	Craig Renier
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Administrative

A sign in sheet was passed around and there were no questions from the AAC members.

Handouts

Committee members received summary notes and a copy of the power point presentation from the June 26th, 2012 AAC meeting, a copy of polygon summary, a list AAC members and their school assignments, elementary school attendance area maps, polygon maps, citizen emails/feedback to AAC, and ideas that the AAC members sent in prior to the meeting.

Discussion - Citizen input

The AAC should review the input and consider which ideas should be used in the AAC's planning. The BOE has received copies of the feedback that the AAC is receiving as well. The feedback will be posted online with the summary notes each week.

Categories of citizen input:

Citizens with general concerns about being redistricted

Many emails that are received include general concerns about redistricting plans or being redistricted, rather than plans or suggestions.

Citizens who are interested in changing polygon boundaries (Kerger/Mayfiled)

Changes in polygon boundaries are often suggested. Some changes in polygons have been made in the past, but not all. One area that was changed in last year's redistricting is in the Maple Lawn area (Flamewood Drive.)

Kerger Road – Dunteachin Neighborhood

An overall community concern includes splitting the homes on Kerger Road that are in the Dunteachin HOA from the rest of the neighborhood. Transportation impact and overall logic in an idea must be considered. They are asking that the polygon 85/1085 polygon lines be redrawn based on the Dunteachin neighborhood association rather than their egress to Kerger Road. This concern is not a redistricting scenario so there will be no modeling of this idea, but staff can receive your comments about their concerns.

Mayfield Ave – small subdivision

The four home community is concerned that the other homes off of Mayfield Avenue are being redistricted from Deep Run ES to Bellows Spring ES, but they are excluded. They ask that we consider redrawing polygon lines to include the small neighborhood area with homes across the street. This concern is not a redistricting scenario so there will be no modeling of this idea, but we can receive your comments about their concerns.

Citizens suggesting different plans/moving different plans.

Kerger Road – Dunteachin Neighborhood – A citizen's plan

See plan reports for her three ideas in tonight's handout.

St Johns Lane ES/Patapsco Citizen Plan

Staff replied to the citizen's ideas via email. A new type of plan needs to be developed to use these ideas. The citizen wants to use Northfield ES to relieve Veterans ES. This means that Northfield ES can't be used to relieve Thunder Hill ES, which is receiving students from Phelps Luck ES and Waterloo ES (per staff's plan in the Feasibility Study). Also, the ideas will not take advantage of the western region as much. This route can be considered, but has not been modeled yet. The AAC can consider if you want to model these ideas as a group.

AAC member's (James Weidemann) plan Whifldl

Plan modeled in Whiffer and reports available in packet.

AAC member's plan (Michelle Yeh) plan Ilchstl

Plan modeled in Whiffer and reports available in packet.

AAC member;s plan – Carmesha Young NEareal

Plan not yet modeled.

AAC Member's ideas – Brendan Robinson

Plan not yet modeled.

Glenmont are changes in 2014

Note the email from the Glenmont Community (polygons 65, 1065, 2065). Staff met with the group a couple of times last year. The idea needs to be considered, but probably not studied in detail this year because no elementary school changes are currently proposed for this neighborhood and the decisions about redistricting middle schools in 2014 will be more closely considered and approved during next year's process. Consider these specifics later in the process if time allots.

Other discussion

- The polygon map and polygon summary report are included in today's packet. The polygon summary includes future residential units by year by polygon, as well as the estimated projection by polygon based on the school's projection and the number of existing and future housing by polygon. Remember that we do not project by polygon, we project by school. The current and future year projections should be considered when creating redistricting plans.
- Note that the last time polygons were changed, the numbering system included using the original polygon number in the new polygon's number (i.e polygon 35 was split into 35, 1035, 2035, etc.) The polygons are planning tools, not legal boundaries. They can be changed by the BOE. There is no schedule of reviewing the polygons, individual concerns are addressed as they arise. The HCPSS planning staff manages the polygons. They help provide consistency compared to prior planning methods.
- The 'Whiffer' is the program used to generate redistricting plans.
- We have some subdivision information with the property parcel information, but we have not tried to make a county-wide subdivision map. The polygons are based on more than subdivisions. They also consider roads, egresses, and other attributes, including natural boundaries.
- Redrawing polygons can be considered separately from the redistricting decision.
- Approximately 1,185 students were redistricted during the redistricting to open the 788 seat Veterans ES in 2007.
- Staff considered more compact school boundaries when creating the plan for the Feasibility Study, but the AAC can re-consider this goal, which could lead to moving fewer students.
- One AAC member noted the difference between moving more students at one time or moving more students over several years of redistricting.
- The AAC can work on several different plans.
- One AAC members noted that Swansfield ES is overcrowded and neighboring Clarksville ES is undercrowded.
- Note that Deep Run ES is scheduled to receive a 100 seat addition in 2016 and that the New ES #42 is scheduled to open in 2019.

Group Work

Create alternative redistricting plan(s) with same goals from Feasibility Study. These three goals are independent and could be executed individually or together:

- Open New ES #41

- Provide relief from overcrowding in the Columbia East region at Phelps Luck ES and Talbott Springs ES
- Provide relief in the North/Northeast region at Veterans ES

The AAC was advised to first focus on the main goal – required redistricting to open New ES #41 in 2013. Then, determine another overall goal (i.e. move fewer students, make plan more comprehensive, etc). Three groups were created to work together. Two plans were developed, and one group wanted to work further on their ideas.

Group 1 – Plan AAC_B –

Move polygons 3035 and 1082 to New ES #41 and 36 (or 1036) back to Elkridge ES.

Group 2 – Plan AAC_C –

Move polygon 92 to Rockburn ES, 30 and 2030 to New ES #41, 80 and 266 to Deep Run ES, and 1033 to Bellows Spring ES.

Homework

Continue consideration of group work. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.