

2012 Attendance Area Committee
Meeting #3
July 10, 2012

Summary

The third meeting of the 2012 Attendance Area Committee (AAC) began at 7:00 PM. Joel Gallihue, Manager of School Planning, opened the meeting.

Staff members in attendance:

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

Committee members in attendance:

Khalid Boushaba	Brendan Robinson
Amy Grutzik	Lisa Schlossnagle
Renee Kamen	Marc Steingesser
Bill Lewis	Michelle Yeh
Craig Renier	

Committee members not in attendance:

Geoffrey Pickett	Carmesha Young
James Weidemann	

Administrative

A sign in sheet was passed around. Staff will work to get summary notes published on the website earlier than they were this week.

Handouts

Committee members received summary notes from the July 3rd, 2012 AAC meeting, citizen emails/feedback to AAC, and ideas that the AAC members sent in prior to the meeting.

Discussion – Citizen /AAC Member input

Citizen's plan Ilchst2

Plan modeled in Whiffer. Email from citizen in feedback packet. Keep polygons 1085, 2085, 3085 at Ilchester ES and 91 at Rockburn ES. Move 3093 to Worthington ES. The plan moves fewer students while trying to balance capacity utilization at the affected schools. Mr. Gallihue recommends considering moving 1094 to Worthington ES, rather than 3093 (due to the number of students in and projected to be in the polygon).

AAC Group Work – plan AAC_B

Plan modeled in Whiffer. The group wanted to fill New ES #41, but make a cleaner dividing line. The flaw in the plan is overcrowding at Deep Run ES.

AAC Group Work – plan AAC_C

Plan modeled in Whiffer. The group wanted to try to move fewer students than the staff plan. The New ES #41 opens at approximately 80%, but Deep Run ES is overcrowded.

AAC member's plan – (Carmesha Young) plan AAC_D

Plan modeled in Whiffer. This plan can be further discussed when the committee member is in attendance.

AAC member's (Lisa Schlossnagle) plan AAC_E

Plan modeled in Whiffer. The idea of the plan was for the redistricting to last as long as possible. The AAC member started in the west and pulled in students from the east. Even though the plan changed the assignment of many homes, the plan was intended to make long term changes that would not need to be revisited soon. She also moved the 2016 redistricting to 2013 so that Waverly ES would be affected in one year, rather than both. Deep Run ES and Rockburn ES capacity utilization are a little high.

AAC member's plan (Brendan Robinson) plan AAC_F

Plan modeled in Whiffer, but needs to be adjusted. The idea was to start with the staff plan, but change polygons 1308 and 1102.

AAC member's plan (Amy Grutzik) plans AAC_G (based on existing) and AAC_H (based on staff plan)

Plan modeled in Whiffer, but some ideas need to be incorporated from the memo. Community feedback, driving distances and neighborhoods were considered. West Friendship ES is a little over crowded, but Bushy Park ES could be used more.

Other discussion

- Reports from the plans discussed will be posted online.
- The New ES #42 is planned for 2019 in the Savage area. A site has not yet been secured.
- It is a good idea to open the New ES #41 at less than 100% to accommodate future rapid growth.
- Some of the newer or larger schools can handle more students, not only because of the number of rooms, but because of the core/shared spaces (cafeteria, support spaces, etc).
- The Waverly ES addition is included in the capital plan to handle Turf Valley growth. Manor Woods ES cannot handle an addition because of the septic facilities. A New ES #43 is under discussion for a year past 2019 in the Turf Valley area.
- Many of the schools in the east are not able to handle additional seats because they are close to the BOE's previous maximum capacity of 788, or because of their smaller core/support spaces. Some would require more significant renovations to handle more students.

- Additions at Bellows Spring ES and Elkridge ES have recently been completed.
- Additions at Deep Run ES and Running Brook ES are planned.
- The prior prototype for the ES was 788 seats. Now the educational specification has 600 seats.
- Plans to use undercrowded schools in the west for special programs can be considered. This is already being done at Triadelphia Ridge ES and Dayton Oaks ES. The schools must be centrally located for transportation from around the county.

Group Work

Create alternative redistricting plan(s) working in two groups to test ideas.

Group 1 – Plan AAC_I –

This group's plans are still being developed in the New ES #41 area. The AAC members involved will email the ideas to staff for modeling.

Group 2 – Plan AAC_J –

This group's ideas moved 2490 students, focusing around the Ellicott City area, rather than the New ES #41 area. Waterloo ES needs more relief in this plan.

The group discussed potentially combining plans I and J for a more comprehensive plan.

Homework

Continue consideration of group work. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 PM.