

2011 Attendance Area Committee
Meeting #5
July 26, 2011

Summary

The fifth meeting of the 2011 Attendance Area Committee (AAC) began at 7:04 PM. Joel Gallihue Manager, 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:

Frank Biro	Marc Steingesser
Jean Parr	Shannon Taitt
Karen Rosbottom	Gay Williams
Anne Santos	

Committee members not in attendance:

Kayline Anantua	Kenny Kan
Chanelle Brawner	Thomas Tucker

Administrative

The handouts were described. Mr. Gallihue reminded the group and audience that anyone can provide a redistricting plan to staff for review. Mr. Gallihue also reminded the AAC that they are advisory to staff and the superintendent.

Please note that there is a possibility that the August 9, 2011 meeting may be canceled. Confirmation of the schedule will be announced at the August 2, 2011 meeting.

Handouts

Committee members received:

- Summary notes from the 7/19/11 AAC Meeting
- A map of the 2012 redistricting listed in the Feasibility Study
- A citizen's letter of concern regarding high school assignment of a new community.
- A citizen's email regarding an alternative redistricting plan. The plan will be tested and shared with the committee in detail at a later meeting.
- A letter from the Glenmont Community regarding concern with future redistricting of their neighborhood listed in the Feasibility Study. Concern included the reduction of the walk area and changes in the feed percentage.
- AAC_F plan reports: As of 7/19/11, plan AAC_F moves 664 students, approximately 2.9% of the countywide elementary population. This plan was

not completed, and is still a work-in-progress. Below is a list of the sending and receiving schools, with the numbers of students moved as of 7/19/11.

As of 7/19/11, Plan AAC_F – Students Moved		
Sending School	Receiving School	Number of students
Bollman Bridge ES	Atholton ES	122
Forest Ridge ES	Bollman Bridge ES	275
Forest Ridge ES	Gorman Crossing ES	66
Laurel Woods ES	Forest Ridge ES	201

Presentation

Per request from an AAC member at a prior meeting, Mr. Gallihue described the 2012 redistricting plan listed in the Feasibility Study and noted several key points in the plan:

- Balance capacity utilization in the southeastern portion of the county
- Relieve overcapacity in the east with available capacity in the west
- Eliminate an island for Atholton ES if possible
- Maintain walk areas (non-transported areas) if possible
- Redistrict students into schools that are contiguous to their current attendance areas.

Specific Questions were addressed regarding several topics:

- One AAC member raised the concern that the overutilization Laurel Woods ES was only partially resolved in the Feasibility Study.
- Another member noted that, while the number of students moved is low or moderate compared to the total number of students in the county, the percentage of students affected at specific schools is high. Mr. Gallihue noted that there not any specific guidance on the maximum percentage of students in a specific school who are redistricted at once, but there is a transition team made of school based staff that assists the students in the transition. Other members of the committee noted that it may be an asset because the students would be moved once (rather than multiple times over several years) and that the students would be redistricted in a large group so they will be surrounded by more familiar faces.
- A member asked about the restraints that the polygons posed on making redistricting plans. It was noted that this would not be the time to change the polygon lines, but that staff welcomes feedback on specific issues that the polygons create. Mr. Gallihue indicated that the polygons make creating and testing redistricting scenarios more efficient.

Group Work

Members of the AAC worked in a single group to discuss work on a redistricting plan for the southeastern portion of the county.

Plan AAC_F – Created from Base11 (Current attendance areas)

- Goal – bring capacity utilization of southeastern schools within acceptable range by using capacity in the west. Use ideas from both plans AAC_D and AAC_E.

Plan AAC_F – from 7/19/11 meeting		
Sending School	Receiving School	Polygons
Laurel Woods ES	Forest Ridge ES	1, 121, 1001, 1121
Forest Ridge ES	Bollman Bridge ES	47, 3047, 4047
Forest Ridge ES	Gorman Crossing ES	267, 272, 1272
Bollman Bridge ES	Atholton ES	20 ,1020

Plan AAC_F – from 7/26/11 meeting		
Sending School	Receiving School	Polygons
Guilford ES	Hammond ES	1015
Guilford ES	Atholton ES	15, 16, 1015
Hammond ES	Fulton ES	8, 221, 1008, 1221, 1227, 2221
Atholton ES	Hammond ES	17, 18, 1017, 1018
Atholton ES (currently assigned to BBES)	Guilford ES	20, 1020
Gorman Crossing ES	Fulton ES	3, 7, 297, 1003, 1007, 1297

Note: A new capacity table was created for the redistricting software that did not include the addition to Gorman Crossing to test if the plan would allow the addition to be deferred to a later year.

Homework

Consider other options or thoughts to resolve capacity utilization in the Southeastern Region.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.