

2012 Attendance Area Committee  
Meeting #9  
August 28, 2012

Summary

The ninth 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  
Tim Rogers, Planning Analyst

Committee members in attendance:

Khalid Boushaba  
Amy Grutzik  
Bill Lewis  
Renee Kamen  
Lisa Schlossnagle  
Marc Steingesser  
James Weidemann  
Carmesha Young

Committee members not in attendance:

Craig Renier  
Brendan Robinson  
Michelle Yeh  
Geoffrey Pickett

Administrative

A sign in sheet was passed around.

Handouts

Committee members received summary notes from the August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 AAC meeting, citizen emails/feedback to AAC, and reports/assessment for plans AAC\_M9 and AAC\_L10.

Presentation

Mr. Gallihue began by presenting the schedule of meetings and work sessions with the BOE regarding redistricting in 2013. The plan is for the process to culminate in a vote by the BOE on November 15, 2012. Since the AAC started in June, staff has received greater than 300 emails concerning the redistricting plan, with many ideas from the emails being discussed by the group and tested.

Mr. Gallihue presented an assessment for plan L10 and discussed the plans strengths and weaknesses in relation to the staff plan from the 2012 Feasibility Study. Some strengths of the AAC plan include number years within the target utilization range, and number of students moved. The group's middle school plan (M9) is very similar to the staff plan for 2014 in that both move approximately 18% of the enrolled middle school students, and both address most of the small feeds created by their associated elementary school plans.

Mr. Gallihue stated that plans “L10” and “M9” will be the group’s final plans, and that the purpose of this last meeting would be to record the group’s final observations and recommendations.

### Other discussion

#### Group Work

The group began discussing their observations throughout the process, and which observations and ideas constituted items that need to be conveyed to the Superintendent. The result of a lively discussion was a consensus that the group worked each night to develop a plan that:

1. Relieves over-crowding
2. Improves utilization through use of Western capacity
3. Avoids unnecessary moves and neighborhood disruptions

Effort towards these ideas was guided by the 11 principles in Policy 6010, and citizen feedback.

The group found that they were limited in achieving these goals by:

- The geographic location of the schools
- Logical boundaries between neighborhoods and attendance areas
- Transportation challenges such as bus ride durations and pedestrian network
- The data, time, and tools made available to them

Mr. Gallihue discussed the impact these findings, and the group’s plans, will have on development of a final staff recommendation to the BOE.

Mr. Gallihue presented the results of an online survey AAC members were asked to complete. The survey was designed to assess the committee process, and each members’ experience. Results indicate the group was generally satisfied with the instant analysis of their ideas, and quick feedback during the meetings, the ability to work as a group, and the transparency the process presents. Areas of less satisfaction include lack of hands-on access to scenario-testing tools, the large and cumbersome pdf files, lack of an avenue for presenting minority opinions in the final product, and time consumed by training in early meetings that could otherwise be used for testing ideas.

Mr. Gallihue and Mr. Roey concluded the meeting by commending the group for their hard work and dedication.

### Homework

None

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.