2013 Attendance Area Committee Meeting #1 July 9, 2013

Summary

The first meeting of the 2013 Attendance Area Committee (AAC) began at 7:00 PM. Joel Gallihue Manager, School Planning, opened the meeting.

Staff members in attendance:

Linda Wise, Deputy Superintendent Ken Roey, Chief Facilities Officer Joel Gallihue, Manager of School Planning June Wilson, Professional and Organizational Development Shiney Ann John, Principal MS #20 Tim Rogers, Planning Analyst David O'Brochta, School Planning Intern

Committee members in attendance:

Renee Kamen Meredith Nash
Jill Bauer Karen Ni
Khalid Boushaba Steven Hunt
Kristin O'Connor Mazerski Lynette Bae

Zahira Meyers Terri-Ann Chiu

Committee members not in attendance:

Bill Lewis Adria Graham Scott

Administrative

Committee members received binders containing a meeting schedule, Policy 6010, the 2013 Feasibility Study with supplement, Polygon Summary Report for the existing school boundaries, a map showing the existing middle school attendance areas and a map showing the redistricting plan proposed in the Feasibility Study.

The following items are available online:

- Meeting notes and PowerPoint from these meetings
- 2013 Feasibility Study and Supplement to 2013 Feasibility Study
- Attendance Area Maps
- Online Redistricting Survey Form
- Policy 6010: School Attendance Areas
- Video of staff's June 12, 2013 presentation of the Feasibility Study to the Board of Education: http://hcpsstv.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=6 Click on Board of Education Regular Meeting June 12, 2013

Projection Accuracy Report:
 http://www.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/public Click on Item 10. A. under the February 10, 2011 Meeting Agenda

Presentation

Mr. Gallihue introduced Ms. Linda Wise, Deputy Superintendent. Ms. Wise thanked the committee members for volunteering their time to HCPSS and explained the importance of the committee's work. She also referenced the pre-redistricting forums where staff received input from the community regarding various goals to consider during the redistricting process.

Ms. June Wilson, from the HCPSS Office of Professional and Organizational Development, presented the group with a list of desired outcomes and discussed norms to be observed to facilitate successful meetings. She also presented information regarding resources available to group members and scheduling. She then led the group in an exercise to help group members get to know one another.

Mr. Gallihue began his presentation discussing the functions of the School Planning Office. He then reviewed Policy 6010, the Feasibility Study, and enrollment projection methodology. Then he led the Committee in a practice exercise involving using the Feasibility Study to find a weakness in the proposed plan and testing a possible alternative. The weakness identified for this exercise was Lime Kiln MS exceeding target utilization in 2014. The group used the scenario testing tool and found that adjacent Clarksville MS had available capacity. A polygon was chosen for movement, the change entered into the testing tool, and the group was able to see the effects of that change. This was not a new staff proposal. It was an exercise to demonstrate the how scenario testing works.

During this presentation a question was asked regarding the impact of the proposed comprehensive rezoning, specifically in the Fulton and Laurel areas. Since the rezoning has not been adopted, it is not in the current enrollment projections. This redistricting process will continue with the information we have. One member suggested some additional redistricting may be needed to position Lime Kiln MS to handle the potential enrollment resulting from the rezoning.

Next, each of the two tables was instructed to begin work on a plan, using the staff proposal as a starting point. They worked to identify goals, and each submitted the first steps of their plan for testing. Scenario one sought to relieve Ellicott Mills MS by sending more of the Elkridge Landing MS attendance area to MS #20. Capacity was made available at MS #20 by returning areas along MD 32 to Patuxent Valley MS. One advantage discussed with this plan was shorter travel times for students at MS #20. Resulting capacity at Elkridge Landing MS would be used to relieve Bonnie Branch MS and subsequently Ellicott Mills MS.

Scenario two also sought to relieve Ellicott Mills MS. This plan tests sending several areas from the southern portion of the Ellicott Mills MS attendance area to Bonnie Branch MS. Neither of these was complete when Mr. Gallihue called the entire committee back together to observe and discuss some of the preliminary outcomes of their ideas. Both plans were saved for further work at the next meeting.

Mr. Ken Roey, Chief Facilities Officer, closed the meeting by reminding members to review the 2013 Feasibility Study to understand the staff proposal. He instructed members to prepare to test ideas to improve on the ideas tested tonight and the staff plan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The next meeting of the AAC will be 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 in the Board Room.