

Boundary Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Summary

December 6, 2018

Committee Members in Attendance

Andy Anderson, co-chair
Laura Arellano
Ronnie Burt
Meghan Dougherty
Lindsay Fitzpatrick
Melanie Plowman, co-chair
Valerie Sterne
Valerie Tyler
Emily Vitris

Staff Members in Attendance

Melissa Laursen
Beth Wilson

Visitors

None

I. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Approval of minutes (10/04/2018)

Approval of minutes was postponed until next meeting due to a lack of quorum.

IV. Discussion and approval of boundary process

A subcommittee of the BAC met over several months to re-evaluate its boundary change process. The revised process provides for increased transparency with proposed enhancements to the district's boundary website, including a page devoted to each new boundary change and an online feedback form. Additionally, more robust community engagement strategies are proposed to engage both more often and earlier in each boundary process. Overall the committee was supportive of the revised process.

The BAC had a lengthy discussion on a recommendation of the subcommittee to examine socio-economic and ethnicity data for each boundary change to increase a schools' diversity. Additionally, one member suggested academic performance of sending and receiving schools(s) be considered during each boundary process.

Planning staff recommended holding off on adding these new criteria until the new subcommittee on equity develops its recommendations. Once criteria and goals are established for equity, then the BAC should revisit its boundary process.

The committee had mixed opinions on these recommendations, and asked staff to get feedback from the superintendent. Approval of the boundary process should be scheduled for the January 17 meeting.

V. Discussion of boundary changes planned for 2019, including the creation of an attendance area for the new southwest elementary school

The process to create an attendance area for the new southwest elementary school will begin at the January 17 BAC meeting. The new school will provide relief from overcrowding at Baranoff and Kiker elementary schools. Concurrently, the BAC will examine additional boundary changes in the region to address under-enrollment and overcrowding. Other schools affected include: Boone, Cowan, and Kocurek.

It is anticipated the Board will approve the new attendance area and other boundary changes at its December 2019 meeting, in preparation of an August 2020 school opening.

VI. Wrap-Up

Future Meeting Dates – January 17 and February 7

Parking Lot Items – none

Requests for Information – feedback from the superintendent on boundary process

VII. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.