

Boundary Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Summary

January 17, 2019

Committee Members in Attendance

Andy Anderson, co-chair
Laura Arellano
Joel Bergh
Erika Boyd
Ronnie Burt
Lindsay Fitzpatrick
Michael Herschenfeld
Elizabeth Kalbacher
Tim Kirchner
Kathleen Legrand
Jennifer Littlefield
Reedy M. Spigner, III
Valerie Sterne
Valerie Tyler
Emily Vitris
Patricia Williams

Staff Members in Attendance

Melissa Laursen
Beth Wilson

Visitors

Cristal Lopez
Laura Toups

I. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Three new members were introduced, and Trustee Singh was acknowledged.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Approval of minutes

The October 4, 2018 and December 6, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Update on Joint BAC and FABPAC subcommittee on equity and inclusion

The concept of a new joint subcommittee of the Boundary Advisory Committee and the Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee to discuss equity within the district was presented. The new subcommittee will review existing reports, and analyze where they are in alignment and where they differ. Cortez Consulting has been contracted to facilitate the process. Cortez is proposing focus groups throughout the district to hear from the community on equity issues. Emails have been sent to all committee members seeking interest. All applicants will be notified on January 28.

Questions and comments:

- The proposed timeline for the subcommittee to complete its work seems too short.
- Is there an effort to have membership that is geographically diverse?

V. Discussion and approval of boundary process

The revised boundary process was discussed at the BAC's October meeting, however, the process was not approved due to a lack of quorum. 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.

Members discussed whether academic performance of sending and receiving schools(s) should be considered during each boundary process. Some members questioned what would an acceptable rating be for a receiving school under the new TEA accountability A-F rating system.

The boundary process was approved by members.

VI. Briefing on 2018-19 demographic report

The 2018-19 demographic report for the district was presented to the committee, as well as potential impacts on AISD school populations and enrollments. The district has consulted with a new demographer, who prepares ten-year projections for both enrollment and population. Key findings of the report are:

- AISD is experiencing a declining enrollment due to competition from area charter schools, declining student yields caused by rapid increases in housing prices and increasing urbanization.
- The out-of-district transfer policy changes in 2016-17 caused transfers into the district from neighboring school districts to nearly double, from roughly 750 students in 2015-16 to nearly 1,400 in 2016-17.
- Both single family and multi-family student yields within the district have declined in recent years, as new higher priced products yield fewer school-aged children.
- In 2018-19 AISD is projected to enroll 78,839 students – a decline of almost 1,300 students from the current year. However, kindergarten population is expected to increase for the first time in seven years and may help offset future losses in the following years.

VII. Discussion of attendance area for the new southwest elementary school and other associated boundary changes in the region, which may include: Baranoff, Boone, Cowan, Kiker, and Kocurek

The new southwest elementary 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. Additional boundary changes may impact Baranoff, 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.

Planning staff will attend campus advisory council meetings to discuss the boundary process and gather input on secondary criteria. The BAC will review all CAC feedback and develop a combined, prioritized list of secondary criteria for each boundary change. Planning staff will use the prioritized secondary criteria to develop draft scenario maps for the BAC's review.

Planning staff is developing a detailed schedule to be presented at the next meeting.

A question was raised on how will future consolidations impact the proposed boundary changes.

VIII. Wrap-Up

Future Meeting Dates – February 7 (possibly cancel) and March 12

Parking Lot Items – none

Requests for Information – none

IX. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.