

**Boundary Advisory Committee (BAC)**

Meeting Summary

May 29, 2019

<u>Committee Members in Attendance</u>	<u>Staff Members in Attendance</u>
Andy Anderson	Melissa Laursen
Laura Arellano	Beth Wilson
Erika Boyd	Nicole Conley
Ronnie Burt	Christian Casarez Clarke
Sharla DeMedeiros	
Meghan Dougherty	
Lindsay Fitzpatrick	
Elizabeth Kalbacher	
Kathleen Legrand	
Deanna Mercer	
Melanie Plowman	
Eric Ramos	
John Rocha	<u>Visitors</u>
Reedy Spigner III	See attached list
Valerie Sterne	
Emily Vitris	
Patricia Williams	

I. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

II. Public Comment

- *Kiker ES stakeholder* – Kiker parent; has received over 350 signatures to keep the Back Bay area at Kiker; by year 4, Kiker can be at 115% of its capacity and the new school can be over 75% if it is opened up to transfers right away; there is 365 acres for sale in the area right now; homes south of SH-45 should go to the new school, and homes north of SH-45 should stay at Kiker as it will save on bus costs; the new school should open up with tuition PK; boundaries do not need to be contiguous, there are two other examples in the district that sets a precedent; supports Plan 11.
- *Baranoff ES stakeholder* – Olympic Heights resident; opposes Plan 12; Olympic Heights is a neighbor to Baranoff and shares a fence, with the closest home 1/10 of a mile away; kids walk and bike to school; do not have to cross any major roads; attending another school will reduce safety by crossing major roads; Olympic Heights feeds into both Akins and Bowie.

- *Cowan ES stakeholder* – Sendera resident; Cowan parent; supports Plan 13 to keep the Sendera neighborhood together; looked at safe routes to school guidelines which state a distance of ¼ mile for K students, one mile for other elementary students – this proposal has students walking 1.5 miles – more than what is comfortable for an elementary student; the overcrowding at Cowan is a transfer issue, not a boundary issue; 115 transfer students will have graduated from Cowan before the boundary change is even effective.
- *Cowan ES stakeholder* – Sendera resident; Cowan parent; moved to the neighborhood because it is zoned to Cowan; roots in the neighborhood; overcrowding is a transfer problem and transfer students will be moving out of the higher grades in the next couple of years; supports Plan 13 if the BAC decides to move forward with one of the plans to keep Sendera together; lack of bus service would be an issue for the family.
- *ES stakeholder* – Consider splitting up the Baranoff and Kiker maps to look at the relief for the schools individually; it would be a fair assessment to look at everything separately.
- *Cowan ES stakeholder* – Cowan PTA President; if the BAC has to make a choice on a boundary map, then they would prefer Plan 13 to keep the Sendera neighborhood together; the overcrowding is a transfer issue as there are 35 transfers in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 44 transfers in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 45 in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade that were allowed to transfer in before the school was frozen; concerned about the arbitrary timeline to keep the schools frozen; concerned about uprooting families and then allowing transfers into the school and then being back in an overcrowding situation; reassigning the apartments from Cowan will impact the schools diversity.
- *Baranoff ES stakeholders* – Kiker parent and students; reside in the Back Bay area; over 350 signatures on a petition to stay at Kiker; want to keep the Kiker bikers together; it does not cost the district anything to transport students from this area as they are walkers and bikers; the tone of the neighborhood will change if the neighborhood is split; consider the little kids in Circle C; the secondary criteria talks about maintaining walkability, so keep this area at Kiker; supports Plan 11; Kiker bikers are happy to provide a tour.
- *Baranoff ES stakeholder* – Oak Parke resident; Baranoff parent; criteria is walkability – walked to Kocurek last week, and it took an adult 35 minutes to walk there, this is not a reasonable expectation for a child to walk this far along Slaughter Lane; not an acceptable option; before daylight savings time, kids would be walking in the dark.

### III. Approval of minutes

The April 11 and May 7 minutes were approved as presented.

IV. 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, Menchaca and Mills

Melissa Laursen, Director of Planning, discussed the plan for the next two BAC meetings. On June 13, the BAC will discuss the Kiker boundary changes and a middle school boundary change for the Greyrock Ridge neighborhood. On June 18, the BAC will discuss the Baranoff boundary change and grandfathering for all affected schools.

Information was provided on how the recommendations from this process will be incorporated into the School Changes process, which is scheduled for Board approval in October. A question was asked whether boundary change recommendations resulting from the school changes process would be sent to the BAC for review. The process is under discussion by district leadership, and more information will be provided to the BAC as it is determined.

Boundary map rating guidelines were reviewed with the committee. BAC members were asked to review the five Cowan/Boone maps and rate the secondary criteria for each map in advance of the meeting. The ratings from each member that participated were shared with the committee, as well as an average of all ratings.

Secondary criteria included:

1. Maintain as much walkability as possible, while providing for safe routes.
2. Use major roads and subdivisions as boundaries.
3. Carefully consider transportation routes.

Plans 9 and 13 rated the highest at 20.82 and 21.23 respectively, or a total of 21 each when rounded. Because these scores were so close, and not all of the members provided ratings in advance of the meeting, the BAC voted to discuss the scoring and merits of both maps.

BAC comments included:

- Plan 9 - splits the Sendera neighborhood
- Plan 9 - students would not have to cross Brodie to get to Boone
- Plan 13 - keeps the Sendera neighborhood together
- The apartments on the east side of Brodie are closer to Cowan than the Sendera neighborhood - Sendera is closer to Boone than Cowan.

After a lengthy discussion, the majority of the members felt like crossing Brodie was a safety concern, that outweighed splitting the Sendera neighborhood. **Therefore, the BAC recommended to present Plan 9 to the community as a "Preliminary Boundary Map" at the July Open Houses.**

BAC members would like to present a recommendation to the Superintendent on the length of time that a school should be frozen after a boundary change is implemented.

There was a request for the length of time other new schools have been frozen in the past.

The Planning team will send a request to the BAC to establish a subcommittee to plan the open houses.

Two additional items were discussed regarding the rating guidelines:

**Rating of a new school** – typically new schools are planned to open up around 75% of permanent capacity when compared to population because there are no enrollment trends, and it allows for growth without portables. Because of this practice, the BAC was asked if the rating of a new school should be weighted differently. The BAC agreed to the following:

0 = Below 75%

5 = 75-84%

3 = 85-94%

2 = 95-104%

1 = 105-115%

Do not score = Above 115%

**Rating of a receiving school over 115%** - the BAC was asked if a boundary change creates a permanent capacity by enrollment over 115%, then should it be rated? The Kiker/Mills scenario would be the only maps affected. Some BAC members requested to see a revised data table that shows enrollment projections for Mills, assuming it would be frozen starting in school year 2020-21. After much discussion, the majority of the BAC agreed that a map should not be rated if the receiving school is projected to be over 115% as it does not meet the BAC's primary criterion for a school to be within 75-115% of its permanent capacity.

V. Wrap-Up

*Future Meeting Dates* – June 13 and June 18. A request was made to poll the committee to see if an alternative date other than June 18 would work.

VI. Adjourn (8:12 PM)

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**VISITOR SIGN-IN SHEET**  
**May 29, 2019**

	NAME	SCHOOL AFFILIATION
1.	Becky Wittsche	Cowan
2.	Candice Hopkins	Baranoff
3.	Clarence Lucas	Pavis
4.	Alan Stevens	Boone
5.	Rebecca Rehmknecht	Cowan
6.	Kelly Tarrn	Hill
7.	Nicole Azbel	Hill
8.	Maggie Carlson	Hill
9.	Joe Hoffer	Menchaca
10.	Angela Riddlesporger	Baranoff (Oak Parke)
11.	Quinn Holab	Menchaca
12.	Jennifer Kratky	Baranoff
13.	RAT DESIKAN	BOWIE
14.	BORRATA WATSON	BOWIE
15.	Shanna Wright	Murchison

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	NAME	SCHOOL AFFILIATION
1.	Shawn Bodah	Baranoff Elementary
2.	Marisol Morgan	Cowan
3.	Hilary Pittman	Cowan
4.	Sarah Stennett	COWAN
5.	Chenille Kendrick	Cowan
6.	Milica Cudina	Hill Elementary
7.	Cartney Morgan	Baranoff Elementary
8.	Jacobs Yangblood	Baranoff Elementary
9.	Tara Hinojosa	Baranoff Elementary
10.	Adam Stipan	Cowan Elementary
11.	Juan Torres	Baranoff
12.	Sonny BARRA	BARANOFF ELEM
13.	Michael Sinclair	Baranoff
14.	Robert Lee Dohy	Kiker Elementary
15.	Shanna Heidmann	Hill Elementary

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	NAME	SCHOOL AFFILIATION
1.	James Rose	Cowan
2.	Caleb Sidel	Hill + MMS
3.	Nicole Conley Johnson	CB00
4.	Christian Claude Casarez	CB00
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