

MINUTES – **AS IS 11/27/07**
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
ATTENDANCE ZONE ADVISORY COMMISSION
EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

November 15, 2007

9:31 am

Roll Call: Members Present

Sally Achord
Vera Barnes
Wendy Cashin
Eleanor Chow
Erin Cranor
JoAnne Foutz
Gaya Guymon (arrived at 9:42 am)
Kitty Kinkade (arrived at 10:00 am, left at 11:10 am)
Linda Mayer
Dave Miller
Barbara Moody
Becky Nielson

Members Absent

Patricia Lopez
Ken Rezendes

Rick Baldwin, Coordinator IV

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt agenda amended to have public input after each scenario.

Motion: Eleanor Chow Second: Erin Cranor Vote: Unanimous
Kitty Kinkade, Gaya Guymon, Patricia Lopez, and Ken Rezendes were not present to vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of November 6, 2007, as is.

Motion: Linda Mayer Second: Eleanor Chow Vote: Unanimous
Kitty Kinkade, Gaya Guymon, Patricia Lopez, and Ken Rezendes were not present to vote.

REPORTS

Rick Baldwin explained the contents of the packets given to AZAC which includes copies of several email messages from the Lamping Elementary School community in regards to focus area E5.

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E7 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Wendy Cashin reported that the seat capacity for Red Rock Elementary School was verified and said their year-round capacity is 1012 and the current enrollment is 570, and said because Red Rock Elementary School is hugely under utilized, it makes sense to move students from Culley Elementary School.

Becky Nielson called for public input.

Debra Haman, Grandparent, Culley Elementary School thinks a calendar change is evident. She also thinks the children living at the Budget Suites should be the ones to move to Red Rock Elementary School since they already receive transportation to Fyfe Elementary School. Ms. Haman also stated she is concerned since this area is transient, what it would do for the children's stability moving them from a year-round school to a 9-month school.

Samantha Norman, Parent, Culley Elementary School said she does not have transportation and therefore if her child is injured or sick, she has no way to pick them up. Ms. Norman also provided a petition signed by other community members opposed to the move.

Jacob Berg, Teacher, Culley Elementary School stated because the school is extremely overcrowded, it creates a safety issue for the children, especially in the lunchroom, playground and at the end of the school day at dismissal. Mr. Berg stated because the school is transient, the school is their stability and students cannot fully feel a part of the school while out in portable classrooms.

Lisa Primas, Principal, Culley Elementary School thanked the parents for their attendance and understands how difficult this is for them. Mrs. Primas reported currently there are 291 first and second graders in portables, as well as 64 third and fourth grades in a pull-out program in portables. GATE classes are also held in portables, in addition, the science and math labs serve over 300 students daily in portables. Mrs. Primas said they are an at-risk school doing more than their share, but the numbers speak for themselves.

A motion was made to take Focus Area E7, scenario 1 and 2 forward to the public input meeting.

Motion: Wendy Cashin Second: Vera Barnes Vote: Unanimous
Patricia Lopez and Ken Rezendes were not present to vote.

Erin Cranor stated she would still like to see another option presented.

Dave Miller said there is no doubt Culley Elementary School needs relief, but agrees with Mrs. Cranor and would like to see if there can be another option presented.

Vera Barnes said it is a difficult decision for parents, but something must be done in the best interest of the children. Since the children are already in an at-risk situation at home, what we do not want to see happen is that they are lost in the cracks at school and sometimes that becomes a possibility when a school is overcrowded. Ms. Barnes said since the children being considered to move have already created bonds with each other, it is in their best interest to move them all together and for that reason is in support of scenario 1.

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E2 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Gaya Guymon presented the scenarios for focus area E2 and said there is a lot of standing inventory in the Tartan Elementary School zone, as well as the other areas being considered.

Becky Nielson called for public input.

Andrea Klaffer-Phillips, Assistant Region Superintendent, Northeast Region, said Elizondo Elementary School's enrollment is under this year and Tartan Elementary School is at 1300 and will appreciate the relief.

Clorinda Fontano, Parent, Elizondo Elementary School asked if the priority was to give relief to Tartan Elementary School or Hayden Elementary School. Ms. Fontano is not affected by any of the scenarios, but is in favor of scenario 1 as it moves fewer students.

Gaya Guymon explained there is not a priority, they were trying to equalize everything and therefore try to notice anybody that could possibly move between the scenarios.

A motion was made to take Focus Area E2, scenario 3 forward to the public input meeting.
Motion: Gaya Guymon Second: Erin Cranor Vote: Unanimous
Patricia Lopez and Ken Rezendes were not present to vote.

Gaya Guymon stated other options were being evaluated.

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E4 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Linda Mayer presented the scenarios for focus area E4.

Becky Nielson called for public input.

Trisa Martin, Parent, Wright Elementary School said they are in favor of scenario 2 as it creates a natural boundary. Mrs. Martin asked that when the division comes, the portables would remain on their campus and stated that both Wright and Reedom Elementary School should be on the same calendar.

Jolene Wallace, Southwest Region Superintendent reiterated that both Wright and the new Reedom Elementary Schools should be on the same calendar in order to alleviate the schools being inundated with zone variance requests.

Marian Anderson, Parent, Wright Elementary School is in favor of scenario 2 and stated that she has spoken to families whose homes face Reedom Elementary School and they have indicated they are also in favor of scenario 2 because they prefer to remain at Wright Elementary School.

Linda Mayer explained the commission has no control over the year round calendar; they are responsible for looking at over and under utilization of a school.

SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA H1 FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Linda Mayer presented the scenarios for focus area H1. Mrs. Mayer said a parent meeting was held at Tarkanian Middle School and the parents did not have a preference of scenarios.

Linda Mayer said there is concern that there is not easy access to the school with scenario 1.

Becky Nielson called for public input.

Marian Anderson, Parent, Canarelli Middle School asked about the boundary lines between Sierra Vista and the new high school.

Jolene Wallace, Southwest Region Superintendent asked that the commission take a look at a scenario that would add more children to Durango High School as their enrollment has been consistently low.

Carolyn Edwards, Board of School Trustees, District F, reported there is a plan for a road to cross the railroad tracks. Scenario 2 will eventually have the best access to the school. Ms. Edwards also reported the Year-Round Study Committee will meet on December 3 to finalize the report of their recommendations to the Superintendent.

MEETING CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

Agenda items for the next meeting were discussed.

The next meeting will be held on November 20, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Erin Cranor

Second: Linda Mayer

Vote: Unanimous

Kitty Kinkade, Patricia Lopez and Ken Rezendes were not present to vote.

Adjourn: 11:31 am