

EVALUATE FOCUS AREA E4 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Rick Baldwin explained Focus Area E4 evaluates the attendance boundaries for Snow Mountain Paiute Indian Reservation/Kyle Canyon Gateway in Bilbray Elementary School, Indian Springs Elementary School, and Scherkenbach Elementary School. AZAC has been asked to examine bringing these students into town rather than to Indian Springs. Ray Negrete of Transportation Department stated that initial review appears it will be to the District's benefit to bring these students into the valley. They will evaluate further and bring back numbers for the Commission to review. Scenarios will be produced in the near future.

Lois Mack asked if Indian Springs schools are at risk of closing due to changes at Creech Air Force Base.

Rick Baldwin stated no one there has the knowledge to answer that question, but he has heard nothing to that affect.

Zan Hyer asked if possible changes in this area have been discussed with parents.

Anna Slighting stated she has reached out to the parents by email and by phone. The parents were interested last year, but she has not been able to confirm they are still interested. She has spoken with the principal of Indian Springs who is also trying to communicate with the parents and has some concerns about zoning students out of his area.

Rick Baldwin stated his office can generate a letter to be sent to each of the families involved.

Albert Delgado asked for confirmation that only one elementary student is currently taking advantage of transportation to Indian Springs.

Rick Baldwin stated that is correct.

Anna Slighting restated she has not yet confirmed the parents' interest in the change.

Albert Delgado stated transportation is only provided for the school which is hard zoned for the area. Right now transportation is being provided to Indian Springs.

Rick Baldwin stated two scenarios will be produced, one bringing only students from the Paiute Reservation into town and the other bringing students from the Paiute Reservation and lower Kyle Canyon.

Albert Delgado asked for the number of students at the Paiute Reservation.

Rick Baldwin stated there are five this year.

Albert Delgado asked if any elementary students are being transported to Indian Springs.

Ray Negrete stated it has fluctuated, but there are currently two students being transported. He will report next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

EVALUATE FOCUS AREA E1 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Albert Delgado stated this area will evaluate the existing attendance boundaries of Givens Elementary School, Ober Elementary School, and Piggott Elementary School.

Rick Baldwin stated it was requested at the end of last year that this area be reevaluated. Piggott Elementary School will be an International Baccalaureate magnet school beginning in 2015-2016. This may necessitate reconsideration of the zone change made last year for this area. Piggott Elementary School may be zoned only for kindergarten. In that case Grades 1 – 5 would be rezoned to another school. Ober Elementary School is to be considered. Students residing in the Piggott Elementary School kindergarten zone would have first choice preference to attend the magnet program.

Albert Delgado asked if there is data on the changes in capacity of Piggott Elementary School in light of the magnet program.

Rick Baldwin stated the IB program does not change the capacity of the school. There are two double wide portables going onto that campus which will add four classrooms.

Brian Krall asked how many students moved from Givens Elementary School to Piggott Elementary School as a result of last year's rezoning.

Rick Baldwin stated no students were moved which allows AZAC the option to reevaluate the school. The area rezoned was an area of future growth.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Sarah McCoy, parent, Givens Elementary School, thanked Rick Baldwin for all his work. Ms. McCoy addressed the E1 and M1 Development Track maps for Givens Elementary School and Rogich Middle School. Areas labeled 6, 9, 10, and 4 are right across the street from her home. She drove the area and saw different numbers than on the data sheet. Castille and Seville at Andorra currently have no homes under construction, there are no empty lots. Every home is built. In Catalina there are 22 lots either under construction or to be constructed. Santaluz is also a completely finished development. There are models open for homes across Alta Drive zoned for Piggott Elementary School. Referring to the M1 Development Track map, there are not as many homes being built as shown there, either.

Kelli Mendenhall, parent, Givens Elementary School, strongly opposes the area of future development rezoned last year to Piggott Elementary School being returned to Givens Elementary School. Givens Elementary School is already maxed out. They are handling it very well, but the figures given state there would be an additional 280 students. It would be too many kids, even if the school is put on year round, which the majority of parents and teachers oppose.

Carolee Frost, parent, Givens Elementary School, reiterated last year's rezoning left 285 homes under construction in their school zone and those homes are almost complete. As of count day their enrollment is almost the same as last year. Their principal did a good job working with zone variances and keeping them in line. The superintendent provided a portable lunchroom to help them deal with this. She told AZAC last year there are so many kids above Alta Drive they will not fit in Piggott Elementary School and they will not fit in Givens Elementary School, either. Parents are frustrated that there is discussion there are too many kids at Piggott Elementary School, especially if there is going to be a magnet program there. She highlighted the 2014-2015 Capacity Study. Denominators have changed and this must be considered when looking at these figures. This is a bigger problem than Piggott Elementary School or Ober Elementary School can take. AZAC must find somewhere else to place them other than these schools.

Sheri Garbiso stated the development information she provided is a living document, which was up to date when completed in August. The average sales of nearly 5 homes per month are correct. There will be changes from that

time to the current date. Ms. Garbiso stated the area represented in blue has not started building yet and will eventually be approximately 4,000 homes.

Lori Walker inquired about the possibility of receiving updates to the development data.

Rick Baldwin stated Ms. Garbiso puts an immense amount of time into getting the report prepared for the beginning of the AZAC season. It cannot be updated each month.

Brian Krall stated parents are a key source of information for the Commission and it is vital they communicate with their trustee as to what is currently changing in their district.

Mr. Baldwin stated the Chief Financial Officer of CCSD anticipates the legislature will approve full day kindergarten for all elementary schools for the 2015-2016 school year. We are, therefore, planning for the remaining 57 schools with half day kindergarten to lose capacity of approximately 50 seats each.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

EVALUATE FOCUS AREA M1 FOR MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

Rick Baldwin stated last year, in a noncontiguous change, students were reassigned from Rogich Middle School to Johnson Junior High School. In the 2015-2016 school year, Johnson will be receiving an International Baccalaureate magnet program. Mr. Baldwin stated while Johnson Junior High School does have plenty of space, he suggested the commission considers feeder school alignment when they discuss Focus Area E1 and Focus Area M1.

Sheri Garbiso pointed out development growth in the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

EVALUATE FOCUS AREA E3 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Rick Baldwin presented Focus Area E3 evaluating Blue Diamond Elementary School, Forbuss Elementary School and Wright Elementary School. This area is expecting considerable growth and both Forbuss and Wright Elementary Schools, already year round, are over 1100 and 1200 students, respectively. Blue Diamond Elementary School has available space. A few families took advantage of Blue Diamond Elementary School open enrollment.

Albert Delgado stated there are 33 seats available in Blue Diamond Elementary School. There are no portables on that site.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

EVALUATE FOCUS AREA E6 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Rick Baldwin stated Frias Elementary School and Reedom Elementary School boundaries are divided by the Union Pacific Railroad. However, a planned overpass will cross over the railroad track allowing access between these schools at Cactus Road. Reedom Elementary School is already overcrowded and on a year round calendar with over 1100 students and a lot of potential new students in this area. The possibility is to use the potential seats at Frias Elementary School when the overpass will allow easier access between the two schools. These schools still have half day kindergarten and their capacities are calculated as such. There will be a reduction of approximately 10% in capacity with full day kindergarten.

Anna Slighting asked if Mr. Baldwin can provide a hot spot map with the full day kindergarten figures.

Rick Baldwin stated capacities can be readjusted for anticipated full day kindergarten. He reminded the commission there are other factors which can both reduce and increase capacities such as special education programs being added and removed from schools.

Albert Delgado stated there has not been too much growth in the Frias Elementary School area, while there has been considerable growth on the other side. Mr. Delgado has seen the work in progress. Mr. Delgado stated Frias Elementary School is one of the few schools in his area that is not on track to go year round.

Anna Slighting stated when schools go year round 9 month schools around them tend to fill up creatively. With the overpass being built more families may be leaving Reedom Elementary School for Frias Elementary School anyway.

Rick Baldwin stated other schools on the east side of Frias Elementary School did go year round this year and Frias Elementary School came in 40 over projection.

Becky Nielson would not want a hot spot map with full day kindergarten projections because there are so many variables in a legislative session. Also with year round and 9 month calendars, the commissioners must just be aware of the possibilities.

Anna Slighting stated they should check with their trustees on how to proceed.

Albert Delgado stated full day kindergarten is going to happen.

Rick Baldwin stated the commission must plan for the upcoming changes.

Lori Walker asked when they will know for certain about full day kindergarten.

Rick Baldwin stated he does not know, since it will come from the legislature. It might not be until mid-June.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

EVALUATE FOCUS AREA M3 FOR MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

Albert Delgado called for discussion of attendance boundaries of Canarelli Middle School, Faiss Middle School, Fertitta Middle School, Guinn Middle School, Lawrence Junior High School, Sawyer Middle School, Schofield Middle School, and Tarkanian Middle School.

Rick Baldwin presented the development in the area and pointed out that it has the most growth potential in the entire district. Canarelli Middle School and Tarkanian Middle School are already over capacity. Faiss Middle School, Fertitta Middle School, Guinn Middle School, Lawrence Junior High School, Sawyer Middle School, and Schofield Middle School have space available. He stated AZAC is being proactive in planning for the upcoming development in this area.

Albert Delgado stated they are looking at the development and what options are available to them. Mr. Delgado asked about a preschool program in Faiss Middle School.

Rick Baldwin stated he is not aware of such a special program.

Natalie Carter stated Kenny Guinn Middle School will have a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) magnet program in 2015-2016 and they should take that into consideration.

Rick Baldwin stated zoned students will receive priority for attending the magnet program. Sawyer Middle School is currently underutilized, but has a lot of potential development.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Carolee Frost, parent, Givens Elementary School, stated she knows overcrowding is a serious problem in our district, and she has heard the soonest a new school could be available is 20-21. She has heard many rumors of charter schools in her area and feels it is reasonable to expect we will see more charter schools coming. As a parent in an overcrowded school she investigated charter schools and advises they will not take her son who is in special education. She applauds the school district for coming up with the magnet schools and competing with the charter schools. She has an option of attending a 9 month school that is under-utilized and offers special programs. However, she feels the district's main competitive advantage is how they zone and build a community. She urged AZAC to consider the sense of community when they zone.

Brian Krall asked if parents can see online the alternative options that have been suggested such as store front schools.

Rick Baldwin stated the presentations made by Mr. McIntosh and Dr. Walsh were posted on the AZAC website.

Brian Krall encourages parents to see them.

Albert Delgado stated hard zoning is what the commission has been called to do and is one of the options available to the trustees. There are several others and he encourages parents to speak with the trustees to explore them.

Mike Malone stated he would not bank on full day kindergarten because of the attitude of the voters toward education.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Motion: Tara Raines

Second: Anna Slighting

Vote: Unanimous

Nicole Benson, Shari Lyman, Cyndy Mahoney, and Marisol Montoya-Herrera were not present to vote.