

REPORTS

Tracy Murphy stated commissioners are provided with the percent change of students in and out of middle schools and high schools, excluding magnet students, and the November monthly enrollment report.

EVALUATE SCENARIO(S) FOR FOCUS AREA C1 FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area C1 evaluates existing attendance boundaries of James Bilbray / William and Mary Scherkenbach and Indian Springs Elementary Schools, Ralph Cadwallader and Indian Springs Middle Schools, and Arbor View and Indian Springs High Schools.

Tracy Murphy stated this focus area is a proactive approach to a proposed housing development in the area which is currently zoned to Indian Springs schools; no students currently reside in the area.

Rachel Wren pointed out the schools to which the scenario reassigns these proposed homes are closer than the schools to which they are currently zoned.

Matthew Tramp asked for explanation of the numbers shown on the scenario maps.

Tracy Murphy explained the numbers represent the students residing in the geographical attendance zone of the current zoned schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EVALUATE SCENARIO(S) FOR FOCUS AREA E1 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area E1 establishes an attendance boundary for the new elementary school at Tompkins Avenue and Conquistador Street opening 2019 and to evaluate the existing attendance boundaries of the following: Kathy L. Batterman, Patricia A. Bendorf, Roger M. Bryan, M. J. Chrtistensen, Marion B. Earl, Judy and John L. Goolsby, Keith C. and Karen W. Hayes, Frank Kim, D'Vorre and Hal Ober, Clarence Piggott Academy of International Studies, and Lucille S. Rogers Elementary Schools.

Tracy Murphy stated a meeting was held with the Performance Zone 12 School Associate Superintendent and principals of the above named schools in early October. Ms. Murphy provided data on each of the three scenarios presented.

Albert Delgado stated there is a lot of development taking place in the area of these scenarios; some of the schools included are small. Mr. Delgado discussed development student yield expected to affect the schools.

David Gomez asked who the Associate Superintendent is for this area.

Tracy Murphy stated the School Associate Superintendent is Felicia Gonzales.

Albert Delgado stated Ms. Gonzales was present at the October meeting to which Ms. Murphy made reference.

Justin Hepworth asked if efforts were made to reduce the number of students over capacity at Batterman Elementary School, possibly reassigning some to Rogers Elementary School.

Albert Delgado stated efforts were made. Mr. Delgado stated there is considerable development under way in the area; Rogers Elementary School enrollment is currently high, and will be reduced by this rezoning to approximately 600 with development expected to increase it to 900 very soon. Mr. Delgado stated Scenarios 2 and 3 offer some relief to Batterman Elementary School.

David Gomez asked if the growth they are looking at is based on multi-family units or larger mansion homes. Mr. Gomez stated he is looking at the number and hasn't seen the growth here like he has in west Las Vegas and east Las Vegas Hollywood area where the growth is tremendously exponential and the trajectory is unbelievable, so when you are moving all these schools are we going to leave one school with little to no students?

Sheri Garbiso stated the majority in the Batterman Elementary School area will be single family homes with multi-family dwellings closer to the Clark County 215.

Justin Hepworth requested clarification of the suggested changes to the Batterman Elementary School enrollment projection.

Albert Delgado stated, based upon the current Hot Spot Map, Batterman Elementary School is at 111% of their capacity.

Tracy Murphy provided the requested data.

Justin Hepworth stated he is opposed to adding students to a school already over capacity.

Rachel Wren asked if Batterman Elementary School has room on campus for additional portables.

Tracy Murphy stated there have been more portable classrooms at Batterman Elementary School in the past. Ms. Murphy stated Batterman Elementary School, at 111% capacity is a little higher than what is considered right at capacity: between 90% and 109% of capacity.

Albert Delgado stated the numbers provided are geographical (students who should attend based upon residence) and that Batterman Elementary School has 88 students out on zone variances.

Tracy Murphy stated Batterman Elementary School has more students in fifth grade than other grades, which will reduce their population when these students matriculate to middle school.

Rachel Wren asked how many students are coming in on zone variances.

Albert Delgado stated there are 33 students in on zone variances.

David Gomez asked what is the number of portables allowed on campus.

Tracy Murphy stated the number of portables that can be placed may be restricted by size and topography of the property; there can also be restrictions based upon utilities.

David Gomez stated he asked because some schools have a tremendous amount of portables and he doesn't feel it is safe to continually put portables on campuses where they don't have any fire system in it, there's nothing in there that protects the children in case of an incident, which God forbid.

Albert Delgado stated one of the schools in District F has 26 portables; he has every faith that the district is taking care of them and the staff is doing a wonderful job.

Albert Delgado stated Batterman Elementary School's current boundary has about 804 students, with 294 to come. Mr. Delgado stated they are still looking at possible solutions; however, the domino effect of going out to other schools will involve many more students.

Justin Hepworth stated he is concerned about the numbers to which Mr. Delgado referred; understanding that there will be development in the area, the new school is slated to open under capacity.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Matthew Tramp asked Transportation if the students currently enrolled at Rogers Elementary School potentially being reassigned to Batterman Elementary School receive bus service because they cross the Clark County 215, and if they would be bussed to Batterman Elementary School.

Ray Negrette stated students living west of the Clark County 215 are currently bussed to Rogers Elementary School and would be bussed to Batterman Elementary School due to distance.

EVALUATE SCENARIO(S) FOR FOCUS AREA M1 FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area M1 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of the following: Clifford J. Lawrence Junior High School, Kenny Guinn, Victoria Fertitta, Sig Rogich, and Grant Sawyer Middle Schools; feeder school alignment is a primary concern based upon the possible elementary school changes previously discussed.

Tracy Murphy stated a meeting was held with the Performance Zone 12 School Associate Superintendent and principals of the above named schools in early October. Ms. Murphy provided data on Scenarios 1 and 2.

Albert Delgado requested confirmation that the students proposed to be reassigned from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School are to change the portion of Goolsby Elementary School students not currently moving to Fertitta Middle School for sixth grade.

Tracy Murphy stated Mr. Delgado is correct; additionally, some Ober Elementary School students residing west of Hualapai Way are currently attending Rogich Middle School, while some are already assigned to Fertitta Middle School.

Albert Delgado explained the elementary to middle feeder school alignment.

Justin Hepworth asked if these changes will align middle school to high school as well.

Public reacted in the negative.

Justin Hepworth stated that is a matter of concern. Mr. Hepworth asked how many students live in the area in question; he stated feeder school alignment is important, however, proximity to schools is also a concern.

Albert Delgado stated parents' input in the past has often favored proximity to schools over feeder school alignment.

Tracy Murphy stated only incoming sixth grade students will be affected by rezoning the first year; of the 199 students residing in the geographic area, 41 incoming sixth graders from Goolsby Elementary School and 30 from Ober Elementary School would move to Fertitta Middle School.

Justin Hepworth asked if feeder school alignment is the only reason the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School is being considered.

Albert Delgado stated Rogich Middle School is somewhat overcrowded, but not to the point of major concern; all guidelines of the governing regulation are being considered. Mr. Delgado stated proximity to the school is a safety factor as well.

Justin Hepworth stated the suggested change will have students passing one school to attend a third school; loss of proximity to the school will increase costs of transportation significantly. Mr. Hepworth asked what factors, if any, other than elementary to middle school feeder school alignment weigh in favor of this change.

Albert Delgado stated feeder school is the greatest concern at this time.

Justin Hepworth stated this change will have these students going to high school with students they would have been with in middle school, had this change not been made; middle to high school feeder school alignment is lost.

Matthew Tramp asked if only incoming sixth graders will be changing, students currently in middle school will continue in their present school.

Albert Delgado confirmed that is the result of phasing, if the commission so recommends.

Shari Lyman stated she believes middle to high school feeder school alignment is more significant than elementary to middle school.

Angela Haldeman asked if the commission can be provided middle to high school alignment information for the next meeting.

Albert Delgado stated if it is on the agenda, middle to high school alignment may be discussed; high school parents will be noticed that the school(s) will be in discussion.

Angela Haldeman stated she does not want to discuss rezoning high schools, just the alignment map overlay for middle schools feeding to high school.

Albert Delgado stated they are looking at all possibilities and may create additional scenarios; a suggested scenario was presented by parents in the area. Mr. Delgado will look at the high school request and see if it will be feasible to put it on the agenda.

Becky Nielson stated her appreciation of Mr. Delgado's work.

Mallory Levins asked Mr. Delgado to describe meetings with principals and/or staff about this focus area.

Albert Delgado stated the only meeting held with school administration was in early October; at that time the offer to meet with PTA's, etc., was put forth. Mr. Delgado stated AZAC commissioners cannot force their attendance on a meeting; they must be invited to attend. Mr. Delgado stated no one has requested to meet with him and staff to date.

Mallory Levins asked for research showing how much weight should be given to feeder school alignment in the commission's decision making process: how much does it affect student success, and which direction (elementary to middle vs. middle to high school) is more significant.

Tracy Murphy stated staff will look at research into the effect of feeder school alignment. Ms. Murphy said a middle school principal advised that it is educationally beneficial when programming is aligned from elementary to middle school.

Justin Hepworth asked if transportation cost analysis had been done.

Ray Negrette stated there is a difference of approximately five miles to transport to Fertitta Middle School, adding about 16 minutes of travel time. An accurate analysis will be completed once the scenarios have all been presented, however there will be a significant cost increase due to the added distance.

Becky Nielson stated there was more desire for feeder school alignment in the past; what is important to parents has changed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maren Parry, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School. Ms. Parry presented an alternate Scenario A for AZAC to consider.

Todd Neuman, parent, Rogich Middle School, opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Melanie Duncan, parent, Rogich Middle School, opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Aaron Gastaldo, Goolsby Elementary School and Rogich Middle School, opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Kellie Boyack, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, Rogich Middle School, and Palo Verde High School, supports Scenario A presented by the parents and opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Sara Hanson, parent, Rogich Middle School, supports Scenario A presented by the parents and opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Meredith Johnston, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, supports Scenario A presented by the parents and opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Alison Bryan, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, Rogich Middle School, Palo Verde High School, and West Career and Technical Academy, supports Scenario A presented by the parents and opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Zach Takos, parent Goolsby Elementary School, opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Abbey Peterson, parent, Vasilliadis Elementary School and Rogich Middle School supports Scenario A presented by the parents and opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Katie Baird, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Jenifer Gordon, parent, Goolsby Elementary School and Rogich Middle School, opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Bryan Boyack, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Tom Koenig, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, supports Scenario A presented by the parents and opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Chad Clement, parent, Givens Elementary School, opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Cheryl Dunlap, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Joseph Kasal, parent, Goolsby Elementary School, opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Natalie Cornejo, parent, Ober Elementary School, opposes Scenario A presented by the parents and the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Simon Lei, parent, Rogich Middle School, opposes the change from Rogich Middle School to Fertitta Middle School.

Albert Delgado thanked the parents for sharing their opinions with the commission. Mr. Delgado expressed his wish that all parents shared the passion for their students' education shown by those presents; he, and the other commissioners, must be passionate about all students in the Clark County School District.

Becky Nielson stated there are new schools slated to come forward; more information is available on ccsd.net. Ms. Nielson stated she has been on the Attendance Zone Advisory Commission for 15 years. Ms. Nielson stated Clark County School District has done a phenomenal job getting schools built with the funding available to the extent that many other districts around the country have looked to CCSD to see how to accommodate their needs.

Rachel Wren stated the AZAC becomes involved once a new school site has been determined and construction starts, not before.

Matthew Tramp stated he just discovered that Rogich Middle School is in his and Ms. Wren's district and they have not been involved in the scenario process up to this point.

Justin Hepworth pointed out the section of the Ober Elementary school attendance zone potentially being reassigned to Fertitta Middle School is currently zoned to a different middle school to the north of Rogich Middle School.

Albert Delgado agreed. Mr. Delgado stated he is happy to look at additional middle schools if necessary. Mr. Delgado stated staff includes commissioners from all areas involved when setting up meetings with principals; he apologized if there was an oversight.

David Gomez stated he sympathizes and empathizes with all the parents here; he lives in District D with Becky. He chooses to live there because there is a lot of help needed in their area; they have a very challenging area in their area as well former Senator Malone and Ms. Mack over there; we're very challenged. When he hears stories about kids sitting at a bus stop and parents picking them up taking them to school it breaks his heart; he wonders where we're falling short with our transportation and he wonders what's going on at times. It's a question, and we're always trying to save money, budget money in the school district, we're always looking for ways to short come our expenses so we don't have to spend trillions of dollars on things that we don't need at times. He appreciates all the parents showing up and the community members. His real question about money is how much is it going to cost the District to take someone that far and is it going to be beneficial to us, as a District as a whole, and Transportation, seeing as we pay somewhere close to \$100,000 per bus, which is very expensive. Listening to this he understands as a commissioner that a lot of these commissioners have very hard jobs, like Becky, she's

been here for a long term and she has the knowledge as well as Albert; they have a great deal of challenges, but he's pretty sure that, if you request to meet with them, he's sure they'll meet with you, like Justin. Justin's always challenging things, he's asking questions, and that's what Mr. Gomez likes: he likes someone who asks questions, who challenges things to figure out exactly where it's going to be best for all parents, not just my area and our challenge area. Mr. Simon made a comment, and he was going to break down, he had to hold back, and no father should have to go through that. Mr. Gomez is a father, he has a Marine, he has an elementary and two high school students that go to Rancho and he would be in the same predicament and situation as him or any other parent that is afraid their child is left at a bus stop, so like he said he empathizes and sympathizes with you guys. Mr. Gomez stated he hopes they come together as a commission and figure out what's the best option for these children because he doesn't see anything good coming out of transporting children that far.

Mike Malone stated he never had these problems when he went to school in the 1930's; he just walked. Mr. Malone expressed his appreciation for the parents taking time to testify.

Albert Delgado stated they may now look at other middle schools. Mr. Delgado stated he has always looked at his scenarios as far as proximity, feeder school alignment, and safety. Mr. Delgado has no doubt the Transportation Department does their best to keep our children safe.

Ray Negrete stated some things are out of their control, such as high call-in rates and operating at a high deficit of over 100 bus drivers. Mr. Negrete explained how the Transportation Department is struggling due to the shortage and what they are doing to attempt to rectify the situation and asked the AZAC to consider this when making changes.

Albert Delgado called for a five (5) minute break at 12:03 p.m.

Albert Delgado called the meeting back to order at 12:12 p.m.

EVALUATE SCENARIO(S) FOR FOCUS AREA E2 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area E2 establishes an attendance boundary for the new elementary school at Vegas Valley Drive and Hollywood Boulevard opening 2019 and evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Sister Robert Joseph Bailey, Cynthia Cunningham, Mervin Iverson, Hal Smith, J. M. Ullom, and Whitney Elementary Schools.

Tracy Murphy provided data for the three scenarios presented. Ms. Murphy stated a meeting was held with School Associate Superintendent Becky Katz and the principals involved in late September.

Diane Kinsel stated there will still be crowded schools in this area, however, their objective is to even things out as much as possible.

Justin Hepworth asked the number of students affected in a particular area under consideration from Bailey Elementary School to Cunningham Elementary School.

Steve Burda stated 102 students reside in that area.

Justin Hepworth stated this area was examined two years ago when rezoning another elementary school; Bailey Elementary School is difficult. Mr. Hepworth asked if any additional relief can be given, as Bailey Elementary School will still be considerably over their capacity with the change suggested.

Tracy Murphy stated J. M. Ullom and Whitney Elementary Schools were given notice for the purpose of this conversation.

Justin Hepworth asked the capacity and enrollment of Whitney Elementary School.

Tracy Murphy provided the requested information.

Albert Delgado asked if there is any development in the area.

Sheri Garbiso stated there is development in the area and provided anticipated student yield.

Justin Hepworth stated the school already overcrowded will receive more students from the development and asked if there is any way to reconfigure the area to provide parity.

Sheri Garbiso stated there is development in the Whitney Elementary School area expected to yield approximately 11 students. Ms. Garbiso provided revised capacity based upon student yield from development in each school's attendance boundary.

Albert Delgado asked the capacity of Ullom Elementary School.

Tracy Murphy provided the information. Ms. Murphy stated the low capacities of Whitney and Bailey Elementary Schools have been discussed in the past. Ms. Murphy stated, while several schools in the area are slated for replacement or building additions in the future, rezoning is challenging; one small area south of Boulder Highway in the Bailey Elementary School attendance zone has 124 elementary students.

Albert Delgado asked the capacity of Ullom Elementary School once their replacement is complete.

Tracy Murphy provided the information.

Albert Delgado asked staff the number of students in the Bailey Elementary School zone west of Boulder Highway.

Justin Hepworth asked the status of an elementary school previously scheduled to open this year.

Tracy Murphy stated the conversations are ongoing, but there is no new information. Ms. Murphy provided the information requested on student populations.

Justin Hepworth stated concern about the overcrowding at Bailey Elementary School when surrounding schools are at or below capacity. Mr. Hepworth stated the commission must be more creative in relieving them, since there is no new school slated for the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie Tatman, principal, Bailey Elementary School, stated her appreciation for Mr. Hepworth's words. Ms. Tatman stated all third, fourth, and fifth grade students are currently in portable classrooms which creates a safety concern because a door to the building must be left open at all times to allow access to the restrooms. Ms. Tatman has been told there is no building addition scheduled in the near future and asked that they be rezoned to improve safety for the students.

Sherrie Gahn, principal, Whitney Elementary School, stated her school has the largest number of homeless students in Clark County School District; some of her students have been in 13 schools this year, and it is only November. Ms. Gahn proposed rezoning to provide some stability for her enrollment, including disbursing some high needs students.

Danielle Strough, assistant principal, Hal Smith Elementary School, agrees with her colleagues about the needs of Bailey and Whitney Elementary Schools, however two of the three scenarios presented take every single family home from the Hal Smith Elementary School attendance zone. Ms. Strough stated they also have many homeless and high needs students and would appreciate zoning for stability.

Marcell Farnsworth, principal, Ullom Elementary School, requested the commissioners consider the dangerous transportation issue the students face just walking to school. Ms. Farnsworth stated several staff members go out into the area to walk the students safely to school since many of their parents are unable to help.

Diane Kinsel thanked the principals for coming and for what they do daily; she hopes the commission can come up with a great solution for all of the schools involved.

David Gomez asked if there is a reason the students are not receiving transportation at Boulder Highway.

Ray Negrete stated elementary students are granted transportation by exception so they are not required to cross Boulder Highway.

Mallory Levins stated the safety concerns expressed are not due to distance or crossing certain streets.

David Gomez stated he understands that if they are within a two mile ratio; if they're over they get bussed, if they're under they don't get bussed. Mr. Gomez stated he knows this is an old policy that has been set in place, that's a relic itself that someone needs to look at and try to do reconsideration because they told him ten years ago that one school, which he won't mention because it's not on the agenda, will not be built; they told him in his face when pigs fly, they told him that school will not be built and he fought for ten years for that school and it's standing where it's at at this point, so he knows that if he can do something like that he knows that they can reiterate or look at some different policy changes that could help alleviate some of this problems because safety is an issue always, for all students.

Justin Hepworth asked if it is possible to get a map of the area defining single family homes, apartments, and mobile home parks. Mr. Hepworth stated he realizes the commission is not supposed to base decisions on this information, but in fact to offer stability to the schools it does need to be taken into consideration.

Sheri Garbiso stated she could access the information from the Clark County Assessor's office, but it may not be accurate; it would be preferable to drive the area and see it.

Mallory Levins asked what constraints might be placed on the zoning process next year if the new school that has been postponed should come to be built having made an attempt to bandage the situation now and not being allowed to move students two years in a row. Ms. Levins asked if there is a way around the policy to refrain from moving students two years in a row if it would be in the students' best interest to do so.

Albert Delgado stated the commission can present a recommendation to the Board of School Trustees and allow them to make the decision if a guideline does not serve the students' best interest; the two year restriction is among the many points to be taken into consideration, not the only thing.

Sheri Garbiso quoted Regulation 7111 stating that the two year restriction may be set aside for zoning of a new school.

Diane Kinsel stated she asked about the new school; the District is awaiting a decision from the land owner.

Justin Hepworth stated the schools need relief now and volunteered to drive the area, disregard the current boundaries and propose new ones.

Diane Kinsel stated she agrees, the schools need help now, however, CCSD is at the mercy of the entities.

Justin Hepworth stated the AZAC is not: the boundaries can be redrawn without input from or approval of the entities, recommendations made to the Board of School Trustees, and they have legal authority to approve them. Mr. Hepworth stated they should not wait to see if the unscheduled future school becomes reality.

Rachel Wren stated the commission does need to think creatively, but must also be careful with the families that are affected; in past rezoning they have tried to disrupt as few students as possible at the same time.

Lois Mack offered to help reconstruct the zones.

Albert Delgado stated the commissioners must look at the entire area when considering changes.

Mallory Levins stated Trustee Districts do not define the needs for rezoning; it is the commission's job to support all students.

David Gomez asked if it is possible to get a list of all parcels CCSD owns in these areas, not that's owned or proposed by BLM or the city or private entities or sectors that are really close to this particular area that we own that can actually accommodate a school.

Tracy Murphy stated it is available on ccsd.net, on Real Property Management's land inventory map.

Albert Delgado stated he likes that the commission is working with the information they have now.

EVALUATE SCENARIO(S) FOR FOCUS AREA M2 FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area M2 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of the following: Francis H. Cortney Junior High School, Kathleen and Tim Harney, Duane D. Keller, Jerome Mack, and C. W. Woodbury Middle Schools.

Tracy Murphy provided data on the single scenario presented.

Albert Delgado recommended closing the item for future discussion.

CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

The next meeting will be November 27, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Motion: Dave Flatt

Second: Becky Nielson

Vote: Unanimous

Angela Haldeman, and Shari Lyman were not present to vote.