



## MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2017

6:00 PM

Agnor-Hurt Elementary School

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### In attendance:

#### Committee Members:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Schaeffer | <input type="checkbox"/> Katherine Martin             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Lyle        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Duffield    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Malva Mangan       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Smith       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Smith     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Mejia      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Boston      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sidney Griffin    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thomas Corsall     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kimalee Dickerson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Symia Tabron       |   |

#### Staff Members:

Rosalyn Schmitt  
Renee DeVall  
Dean Tistadt  
Pam Moran

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### Welcome/Introductions

Rosalyn Schmitt called the meeting of the Redistricting Advisory Committee to order at 6:05 PM. This was the first meeting of the committee. Rosalyn provided written materials for the members and conducted a presentation for the entire audience. The presentation included an introduction of the Committee members and the ACPS staff members involved in the redistricting project for 2017-2018.

At the direction of the ACPS School Board, this Committee was formed to address the current and projected overcrowding at Agnor Hurt Elementary, Greer Elementary and Woodbrook Elementary and to consider middle school student assignments based upon changes to elementary boundaries. Rosalyn shared the ACPS School Board study objective and guiding principles for the redistricting advisory committee. The committee is expected to provide a final recommendation to the Superintendent by late November 2017. The Superintendent will present her recommendation to the School Board on December 14, 2017.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Moran, then addressed the committee. She thanked the members of the redistricting advisory committee for the service to the students of ACPS, and spoke a few words about the importance of listening to the community when making decisions. She shared the four core values for the committee to keep in mind in their deliberations – a sense of respect, value for community, value for excellence, and that all our young people deserve the best we have to offer.

Rosalyn presented the following data in the presentation:

- Current and planned building capacity
- Pre-K assumptions
- Capacity vs. enrollment projections
- 10 day enrollment
- Neighborhood information
- Enrollment history by neighborhood areas
- Redistricting history for neighborhood areas

## **Discussion**

During and after the presentation, the committee was asked to provide feedback. The committee agreed that just because a neighborhood area had previously been studied did not mean it would be excluded from this study. One committee member asked about land use and planned development within the three school boundaries. Rosalyn said it would be available at the next meeting. Another asked demographics by neighborhood area. Due to privacy concerns, this specific information can't be shared. Instead, before and after impact on demographics will be provided by school boundary at the next meeting. One member asked about Woodbrook's Focus school designation. As that it related to instruction, that topic will be discussed when Michelle Del Gallo Castner, Director of Elementary Education, was in attendance. Questions were asked about specific neighborhood areas, for instance why Still Meadows was decreasing. Renee DeVall explained that the numbers presented were only for elementary students. Some neighborhoods, like Still Water, had families with younger children when they first opened but no new development has happened in those areas and families have stayed. Those students are all now in middle school and high school. An additional question included the impact of where International Rescue Committee (IRC) would be placing kids and how that would impact schools. Staff has seen no discernable change from the past but it will continue to monitor. All members were asked to provide follow-up questions to Rosalyn, which includes requests for additional information or data.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Media Center of Agnor Hurt Elementary School. Topics will include: planned developments/land use, demographic information, and beginning to share possible scenarios.

Minutes Submitted by Jennifer Eddins