

Boundary Review Committee Minutes

12/16/2020

Welcome and Purpose

- Dr. David Hammond, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools, welcomed and thanked the committee members for their willingness to take on the difficult task of looking at potential revisions in school attendance boundaries.
- Dr. Hammond explained the need for boundary adjustments to allow for the addition of Katherine Johnson Elementary School, in addition to working toward getting student population at all schools more in line with each school's original capacity, all while maintaining a strong commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity.

Introductions

- All district personnel and parent representatives made self-introductions.

Committee Operating Principles

- Dr. Hammond reviewed the Committee Operating Principles.

Timeline

- Dr. Hammond reviewed the timeline; the committee will meet once in December and twice in January. Additional meetings will be added based on need. The committee will provide a recommendation to the School Board for the February 9, 2021 meeting. Any school boundary revisions will be communicated to the community by March 1, 2021.

Community Communication - *Mr. Boyles, Director of Communication*

- Communication regarding boundary changes will start after January 4, 2021. The website will continue to expand as more information becomes available after each meeting.

Lessons Learned from Past Boundary Changes - *Mr. Boynton, Executive Director of Elementary Schools*

- A great process with intentional steps is necessary; we have that in place. A level of passion and concern should be expected.
- Boundary adjustments are good and right for students as well as for teaching/learning and safety purposes.
- It is vital that all schools are utilized, to break up numbers and keep manageable.
- After one learns that their child will be moving, faulty assumptions may be made regarding the quality of the experience provided at the new school.
- Community involvement is essential to ensure the very best plan possible is put in place.

2020-21 Boundary Draft

- *Ms. Campbell, Director of Transportation*, shared the process and philosophy behind the development of the first working draft. Spanaway and Frederickson have no changes so far; all others have change. Details will be emailed to committee members. Secondary schools will not be affected by this boundary change.
- *Ms. Carlson, Director of Construction and Planning*, reviewed Building and Portable Capacity Totals. Future elementary projects within the current bond include a new elementary to open in Fall 2023 and various remodels.
- Principals Sara Olson (Clover Creek) and Paul Marquardt (Shining Mountain) shared how overcrowding has affected their buildings; office spaces used for small groups, loss of learning time because of distance between portables and building, toll on facilities from overuse.

Closing

- Dr. Hammond encouraged committee members to spend time getting to know the problem and possible solutions. The next meeting will be used to identify, and possibly address, any potential concerns as well as agree on a draft that will be released to the community.