

**2017-2018
High School “GGG”**

SCHOOL BOUNDARY COMMITTEE
Minutes

December 2, 2016

Attending: Brandon Bracciale, Judy Choinski, Michael Cloyd, Arcadio Diaz, Jennifer Northey, Carin Hetzler-Nettles, Monica Isle, Kim Poe, David Salerno, Robyn White, Gary Sawyer, Michael Bailey, Betsy Kuhn, Dave Scanga, Monica Oberdorfer, Mahalia Surn, Mara Keys, Denise Nicholas, Richard Tonello, Zack Goodfield, Chris Williams, Adrian Anthony, Wendy Neal, Joy Bollent, Christine Wolff, Heather Gerena, Michelle Moreno, Linda Cobbe, Christa Vail

Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 10:38 am. He thanked the committee for serving. He shared a packet with the group and said that the group can discuss what was shared at the parent meeting before making a final recommendation to send to the Superintendent, who will then make a recommendation to the school board.

Mr. Williams went through the packet. The first pages were a summary of the options. There were mistakes in Options 19 and 20 with the student counts. He also shared feeder pattern maps, the Option 12 maps for high and middle, the Option 13 maps for high and middle and the revised Options 19 and 20 for high and middle. Option 19 was included even though it was not a finalist because of the mistakes. A map of the Meadow Pointe area was also included for detail of Meadow Pointe.

Mr. Williams thanked the committee members for attending the parent meeting. He asked if anyone wanted to comment or ask questions regarding the parent night. A committee member, thanked Carin Hetzler-Nettles for hosting. Another member mentioned that not all neighborhoods were represented and if that is even possible. Mr. Williams explained that some counties do not have any parents at the table when the initial maps are drawn and parents are not brought in until after maps are drawn. The current process has been our process since 2004 and we have found

that it works well, but we are open to reflecting on and refining the process. Ms. Neal also shared that she does not live in Seven Oaks. David Salerno said that he was instructed to select parents from areas who could be impacted, and that all principals did. Everyone is potentially impacted. A committee member stated that it struck her at the parent night that there was not comment about relieving our overcrowded schools. They also stated that they heard a lot about traffic. A committee member who lives in Twin Lakes stated that she understands that seconds count in emergency but that the committee cannot control the county's roads and infrastructure. She also commented that it was clear that Seven Oaks will be rezoned when the middle school on the Cypress Creek Middle/High School property opens. A committee member stated that if parents saw the numbers, they might understand Option 12. They shared that their child is leaving one overcrowded school for another. Another member stated that they felt for everyone who spoke at the parent night but that Cypress Creek will open full, so all are impacted here. No one community is being favored here.

Mr. Williams stated that traffic is taken into consideration but agreed that we as a school district do not have control over roads. Gary Sawyer stated that the Transportation department deals with road widening on a regular basis. A committee member also mentioned that she did not recall the Sunlake gradual phase in being voted upon. Mr. Williams stated that there are transportation issues already with the grandfathering of seniors. The Sunlake phasing in was also discussed to not overcrowd Cypress Creek Middle/High.

The committee discussed the bell times for Cypress Creek Middle/High School. Mr. Williams and Mr. Sawyer stated that Cypress Creek Middle/High will likely fall in Tier One or Two. Mr. Williams stated that the gradual phase in would mean double buses for three years.

Mr. Williams stated that he preferred Option 13 but understood that the concern was that WRHS would be too high. His concern with Option 12 is the infrastructure at TEWMS and WCHS. Brandon Bracciale and Ms. Hetzler-Nettles stated that they can handle the number of students in Option 12. Robyn White stated that Option 13 could require her to stay on a ten period day next year. Option 12 is 1,978 students for WRHS. For Option 13, the student number for WRHS is just short of 2,200 students, and the Average Daily Membership typically is short of the students who actually enroll. Option 20 is 1,920 students at WRHS. Christine Wolff stated that the middle school will be fine with Option 13.

Mr. Williams then mentioned that he e-mailed various proposals from community members. There was also discussion regarding Option 14, which would rezone the northern parts of both Seven Oaks and Meadow Pointe. The committee stated that Option 14 would cause problems with infrastructure at WCHS and TEWMS and also because Seven Oaks will be rezoned to Cypress Creek when the middle school

opens. The committee asked if there is a timeframe for the middle school, and Mr. Williams responded that what happens with impact fees will impact when the middle school is built. He stated that we are probably looking at between four and seven years.

The committee then compared Options 12 and 20 and the pros and cons for each. For Option 12, a pro is that it helps relieve WRHS and JLMS. It does not move Seven Oaks twice. The committee discussed that the uncertainty regarding when the middle school at Cypress Creek will be built is difficult. A pro for Option 20 is that it does not split Seven Oaks. Much of Seven Oaks' population is in the southern area. A con for Option 12 is distance for the Meadow Point and Union Park area. The committee discussed that there is a significant amount of growth everywhere in Wesley Chapel, though the good news is that the Cypress Creek area will not grow significantly in the very near future. The con for Option 20 is that Seven Oaks could be moved twice, but the committee discussed that though Seven Oaks could be moved twice, it would likely not impact the same students. Two members of the committee mentioned that we could add some areas to Option 12 to stay at WRHS and JLMS but the committee elected not to due to feeder patterns being broken, i.e. DBES.

Mr. Williams then asked the committee if they would like to vote between 12, 13, and 20. A questions was asked regarding the distance students would travel for various map areas. For area 23, it is 7.8 miles to go to WCHS. For area 11, it is 8.5 miles to WCHS. For area 9, it is 10.1 miles. Area 9 is 4.8 miles to WRHS, Area 11 is 3.4 miles to WRHS and Area 23 is 4.7 miles to WRHS.

Dr. Scanga mentioned that Option 13 might allow for the Meadow Pointe communities to stay at WRHS and not risk being rezoned twice. The challenge is that WRHS could have a numbers issue, but we don't know. Ms. Hetzler-Nettles expressed concern with a lower socioeconomic balance with Option 13. The committee then took a vote – Option 12 – no votes, Option 13 – 5 votes, Option 20 – 16 votes.

Monica Ilse and Chris Williams thanked the committee for their service. Mr. Williams informed the committee of future Board dates of December 20th and January 17th, which will be held at 6:00 in the District Office Board Room in Land O' Lakes.

Michael Cloyd then asked about the gradual SLHS phase in and the committee voted to do so. The meeting adjourned at 11:59 am.