

**2017-2018
West Side Schools**

**SCHOOL BOUNDARY COMMITTEE
Minutes**

October 5, 2016

Attending: Michelle Williams, Carrie Winans, Jennifer Pickering, Kim Davis, Amy Cohen, Joanne Papanikas, Jessica Schultz, Michelle Gesling, Anthony Midthun, Angie Murphy, Donna Leonard, Danielle Russ, Toni Zetsche, Brian Corley, Catanna Testino, Tammy Berryhill, David Scanga, Chris Williams, Gary Sawyer, Jason Joens, Robert Andrews, Derek Delgado, Joel Di Vincent, Pet Emerito, Angelina Nagy, Marcy Hetzler-Nettles, Beth Hoffmeister, Trina Weigand, Chris Dunning, David Davis, David Goldstein

Others in Attendance: Zack Goodfield, Cynthia Armstrong, Betsy Kuhn, Linda Cobbe, Richard Tonello, Andy Dunn

School Board Member Cynthia Armstrong opened the meeting welcoming everyone and thanking the Boundary Committee members for serving on the committee. Mr. Williams then called the meeting to order at approximately 7:40 a.m. Committee members and District staff introduced themselves. Mr. Williams thanked the members for serving on the committee and discussed the increased growth in the State Road 54 corridor area of the of the County and how this growth has caused overcrowding of the schools in the area. He also mentioned that rising seniors will stay at their current school.

Information packets were distributed to the committee and Mr. Williams discussed the maps, demographic data, timeline, purpose, guidelines and goals in the information packet and outlined the tasks for the day's meeting. Committee members asked questions and made requests of the Technical Advisory Committee. After answering questions Mr. Williams instructed the group to identify areas that may be considered as potential boundary changes.

Questions and comments were brought up by committee members regarding adding special programs such as IB, Cambridge and or STEM to under capacity schools and also the potential of "grandfathering" of additional students other than rising

seniors. In addition, it was asked if Fivay and Hudson High Schools and Chasco Middle School could be added to this rezoning. After answering questions, Mr. Williams instructed the groups to begin work on potential areas to rezone.

The general consensus of the high school members of the committee was to use Massachusetts Avenue as the natural boundary and north of Massachusetts Avenue would be zoned for Ridgewood High School. This would include Areas 32, 33, and 34 being moved from Gulf High School to Ridgewood High School. The committee members requested that the neighborhoods and students in the Robert Crown Wilderness area and Mitty P. Locke area (southern Area 31) be broken out more to see about potentially moving them to Anclote High School. Areas 1, 2, and 3 to potentially move to Gulf High School. They also recommended using State Road 54 and Little Road as a divider, with north of State Road 54 going to River Ridge High School. The group expressed concern that this would dramatically adjust Free and Reduced student numbers.

The general consensus of the middle school members of the committee was for Areas 22, 23 24 and 30 to be moved to Paul R. Smith Middle, and Areas 1-4 and the northern portion of Area 29 (north of Trouble Creek Road) to be moved to Gulf Middle. Areas 6, 7, and 11 to potentially be moved to River Ridge Middle.

It was decided to end the meeting and all further discussion would take place at the next meeting, which will be on October 26. The Planning department will put together the requested data.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.