

**2017-2018
High School “GGG”**

**SCHOOL BOUNDARY COMMITTEE
Minutes**

October 20, 2016

Attending: Brandon Bracciale, Judy Choinski, Arcadio Diaz, Jennifer Northey, Carin Hetzler-Nettles, Julie Ketterer, 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

Mr. Chris Williams called the meeting to order at 10:38 and introductions were made. Packets were distributed and Mr. Williams explained the goals and procedures for the meeting and walked the committee through the packet and explained the various map options that were put together for the committee.

Mr. Williams explained that he would talk about several aspects that could be considered when deciding which map options to possibly remove from consideration. The first aspect considered was Area 2 of the maps and the need to provide relief to Sunlake High School (SLHS) and Charles S. Rushe Middle School (CRMS). The students from Area 2 would be phased in to GGG with CRMS students and the ninth grade SLHS students attending GGG in year 1. Year 2 would house 6-10 and by the fourth year 6-12th grade students from Area 2 would be attending GGG. While this could potentially overcrowd GGG, the growth of the developments in the areas surrounding SLHS and CSRMS is expected to continue and there is limited land on these schools to add additional portables. Rushe Middle School Principal David Salerno concurred with this rationale and consensus was reached within the committee to eliminate Options 7-11, 17 and 19. This left Options 12-16 and 20 remaining, and the discussion then moved to Option 18 where Area 2 would go to Wiregrass Ranch High School (WRHS) and John Long Middle School (JLMS). The concern with this option would be that these students would eventually be moved to GGG and the future middle school adjacent to GGG, which could cause students to potentially be moved twice. Based on this information and discussion, consensus was reached to eliminate option 18. The discussion then revolved around the aspect of dividing the community of Seven Oaks. Discussion followed regarding preserving

feeder patterns and subdivision integrity. Discussion followed not to divide the community of Seven Oaks and consensus was reached not to divide Seven Oaks, which eliminated options 14 and 15. A third aspect to be considered was the boundary of the areas north and south of State Road 56. Discussion followed regarding drawing the line at 56, concern for option 13 was that it would not provide enough relief to WRHS and JLMS and future growth could quickly fill up the schools to the student numbers where they are currently. A comment was made by a member of the committee that Option 16 would put Wesley Chapel High School (WCHS) at 2,000 students, which the committee agreed was too high so consensus was reached to eliminate Option 16. This left Options 12, 13 and 20.

A discussion of Option 12 followed of the pros and cons of this option with advantages being that the feeder patterns of the elementary school would be kept and that this option balances the student numbers for the high schools and middle schools. A disadvantage was that the students south of SR 56 are close to WRHS and JLMS.

A discussion of Option 13 followed of the pros and cons of this option. In this option, an advantage would be that the students south of SR 56 would be at the school closest to them, and a disadvantage would be the feeder pattern for elementary schools would not stay intact.

A discussion of Option 20 followed of the pros and cons of this option. In this option, an advantage would be that the feeder pattern for elementary schools would stay intact and a disadvantage would be that the students in Seven Oaks and the surrounding areas would most likely be rezoned to the new middle school and high school GGG when the new middle school is completed and thus these areas could be rezoned twice in a short amount of time.

A suggestion was made to eliminate Option 20 from the discussion, and no one from the committee disagreed and the committee agreed to eliminate this option, which left Option 12 and 13.

Further discussion involved the number of students at the new high school and that these numbers would remain this way until the middle school is built, which will be adjacent to High School "GGG." The timeline for this new middle school is potentially four to seven years. At that time an additional rezoning would be necessary to relocate capacity between the three high schools and middle schools and that middle school and high school students in some of these boundaries could be rezoned again.

The committee then discussed Options 12 and 13, with a comment made that the students south of SR 56 were very close to WRHS and JLMS, and additional comments followed that option 13 did not lower the student numbers at WRHS

enough and that they would soon be back at their current numbers considering the growth that would continue in this area.

A vote was taken for Option 12 and the committee unanimously chose Option 12. Once this was made the future timeline was announced of the parent meeting on November 29th in the WCHS cafeteria and that a letter would go out advising parents of the new boundary and the date and time of the parent meeting.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Scanga thanked the group for their time and effort on the boundary committee and the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.