



Boundary Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

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| Date of Meeting: | September 13, 2007 | Minutes Prepared By: |
| Location: | ITC Conference Room B | Sarah Siple |
| Time: | 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. | |

IN ATTENDANCE

- Amy Bibbey
- Steve Broman (Alt.)
- Jay Bustos
- Tommie Sue Cox
- Deon Davis
- Kraig Erton
- Ellen Laubhan
- Tom Lopez
- Sandra Lundt
- Char Micek
- Scott Nielsen (Alt.)
- Kellie Nuber
- George Osborn
- Nancy Ozzello
- Judson Rhoads
- John Rohrbaugh
- Jim Sarchet
- Sarah Siple
- Nancy Tellez
- Andrea Tribelhorn

WELCOME AND BRIEF SUMMARY

Jim Sarchet welcomed the committee and provided a brief review of the Boundary Process.

As committee members introduced themselves, they expressed their interest and goal of serving on the committee:

❖ **Summary of comments**

- Work to get equitable boundaries
- Address how future changes will affect boundaries
- Look into limiting school of choice as well as changing boundaries as a solution to balance enrollment between high schools
- Look to make things equitable in the transition of 9th graders to high school and do what is best for kids
- Represent the voice of the community
- Maintain the ability for parents to choose the best option (i.e. school) for their kids
- Keeping the flow of information going. Provide everyone, internal and external, with accurate and up to date information throughout the boundary process.

AGENDA AND MEETING NOTES

❖ **What has been done so far and what is in store for the future?**

- Jim Sarchet explained the Boundary Process handout
- Committee members are to review the Boundary Process handout prior to next meeting

❖ **Boundary Steering Committee Charge/Purpose and Boundary Guiding Principles**

- Jim Sarchet explained the Guiding Principles handout
- The Steering Committee will work to finalize the Boundary Guiding Principles

❖ **Roles of Committee Members**

- Jim Sarchet explained the roles of Boundary Steering Committee members and Boundary Review Committee members
- Boundary Review Committee members will be kept up-to-date via e-mail and scheduled meetings
- Jim Sarchet asked for a Boundary Steering Committee co-chair to serve in conjunction him. He would like a parent of the committee to serve as the additional co-chair.
 - If a Steering Committee member is interested in serving as a co-chair they are to email Sarah Siple.

- ***How to handle questions from parents, community, media, etc.***
 - Ellen Laubhan from Communications outlined where Boundary information will be located throughout the boundary process from the District Initiatives link on the PSD website.
 - Ellen Laubhan reviewed a handout regarding tips on how to handle the media if members are contacted
 - Participation is completely voluntary
 - Reporters may call you for a quote for an article, occasionally
 - Committee members would be speaking as a parent, teacher, community member, and can comment if they feel comfortable with the subject, but not as a spokesperson for PSD or for the entire community
 - You can decline to comment, saying only that the subject is not an area they feel well enough informed about to comment
 - Ellen asked the committee if they would be willing to be the contact for the media – 3 members signed up and their contact information will be reported to local media contacts (Kellie Nuber, Tom Lopez, and Jay Bustos)

- ❖ ***PRELIMINARY High School Boundary Scenarios and Other Things to Think About***
 - Sarah Siple reviewed preliminary high school scenarios
 - Steering Committee members are to review the scenarios in order to begin thinking about the boundary process and how to change boundaries given the guiding principles
 - The four scenarios provided are absolutely NOT to be viewed as boundary solutions and were simply provided in order to initiate thinking and discussion

 - There was some discussion of the scenarios and areas to think about such as:
 - The overall growth of Fort Collins, as well as land locked areas
 - School of choice
 - Take into account the Poudre IB program and other district programs
 - High school capacities
 - Transition of boundary change(s)

 - Jim Sarchet and Sarah Siple explained various handouts and reports to be reviewed by the Steering committee
 - Boundary Maps
 - Student Enrollment Counts

 - Sarah Siple will provide updated reports after October Count when data is more stable

 - Sarah Siple will work with Planning, Design and Construction Services to print poster sized current Elementary and Secondary Boundary maps for each high school location

 - ***Boundary Steering Committee Time Line and Dates of future meetings***
 - Boundary Committee Meeting Schedule Handout (Posted on the PSD website)
 - *Discussion* around *whether the dates and times work for a majority*
 - Meeting time was modified from 4:30-7:00 p.m. to 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<http://www.psdschools.org/psdinfo/leadership/majorinitiatives/boundarychanges.aspx>

Meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

