



Boundary Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	March 13, 2008	Minutes Prepared By:
Location:	ITC Conference Room A	Sarah Siple
Time:	5:00 – 7:30 p.m.	
Approved:	Approved	

IN ATTENDANCE

- Amy Bibbey
- Jay Bustos
- Deon Davis
- Kraig Ecton
- Mark Eversole
- Char Micek
- Chris Nickel
- Kellie Nuber
- Manny Ortega
- George Osborne
- Judson Rhoads
- Jim Sarchet
- Sarah Siple
- Jim Sprowell
- Ric Thompson
- Andrea Tribelhorn

AGENDA AND MEETING NOTES

❖ **Administrative Business**

- Boundary Steering Committee Approved February 13th
 - Posted at: http://www.psdschools.org/documentlibrary/downloads/Superintendent_Office/Initiatives_07-08/Boundary_Changes/Boundary_Committee_Minutes/Boundary_Committee_Minutes_2-13-2008.pdf
 - Welcome, introductions and explanation of agenda (Jim Sarchet)

❖ **Reviewed the boundary community survey results (Sarah Siple)**

- Pointed out the most common comments and the total votes per scenario, as well as any obvious preferences by schools.

❖ **Transportation presents (Bruce LaBarr and Scott French)**

- There are no significant changes in cost or bus ride times for any of the proposed scenarios.

❖ **Socio-economic status (Sarah Siple)**

- There is no significant change in socio-economic status (or Free and Reduced lunch rate) for any of the 4 high schools given any of the proposed scenarios.

❖ **Modifications/Options to current scenarios. (Kellie Nuber)**

- Discussion of current scenarios and options developed as a result of public comment
 - ***The committee discussed, voted and approved to remove boundary area 3584 (Lindenmeier Lake area) from the areas to be moved in scenario A and scenario B***
 - In Scenario A and B 3485 was proposed to move from Poudre High School to Fort Collins High School
 - The Lindenwood neighborhood circles around Lindenmeier Lake which is split into two boundary areas (3484 and 3585)
 - There are not a high number of high school aged students in this area
 - Keeping 3484 and 3585 boundary areas together keeps the neighborhood intact
 - ***The committee discussed, voted and approved that boundary area 6161 be added to Rocky Mountain High Schools boundary area in all scenarios***
 - Boundary area 6161 currently Moore, Blevins, Poudre
 - It is the only boundary area that attends Blevins JH and feeds Poudre
 - With the choice limitation at Rocky these students would not be allowed to attend Rocky over the next several years
 - Students could still choose to attend Poudre High School
 - By changing the boundary this gives students living in the 6161 boundary area more options
 - ***The committee discussed, voted, and denied that Scenario D with the addition of boundary area 1293 is a viable scenario***
 - Adding boundary area 1293 to Fort Collins in Scenario D moves too many students to Fort Collins and if additional areas were moved from Fort Collins to Poudre High School that leaves too many students at Poudre High School
 - It was found that aligning the Boltz JH and Leshner JH feeder is not possible at this time
- No additional scenarios or options were added

- ❖ **High schools presented pros and cons of each scenario/scenario options for their school and which they prefer**
 - **Fort Collins - (Mark Eversole)**
 - Prefers Scenario C then Scenario B1
 - "There is a strong feeling to fix the broken feeder system. We would like to have a dedicated feeder."
 - **Fossil Ridge - (Andrea Tribelhorn)**
 - Prefers Scenario A1 then Scenario D
 - "In our opinion scenario A works to balance enrollment and A is our choice when thinking about the best for kids and the ability to offer District wide programs equally at all 4 high schools."
 - **Poudre - (George Osborne)**
 - Prefers Scenario B1 then Scenario A1
 - "Some schools will be unable to fit the 9th grade in 2009 so this is very necessary. In looking at balancing socio economic status we are a long way from balancing that totally among the 4 high school but don't want to further skew that. We support B1 then A1 and support the goals of the committee."
 - **Rocky – (Wayne Modellmog)**
 - Prefers Scenario D then Scenario A1
 - "Rocky is obviously not affected by the scenarios with our boundary area remaining the same but in going back to the guiding principles and the fact that Fort Collins needs opportunity for growth and feeders being a mess we felt scenario D is the best."
- ❖ **Committee discussion and Q&A**
 - After discussion the Steering Committee voted on the current scenarios
 - Scenario A1 and B1 will be presented to the Review Committee and to Cabinet including Dr. Wilson
 - The committee identified some pros for each scenario to be recommended

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Pros for Scenario A1:

- Balance provides high schools ability to offer more equitable programs
 - Allows Fossil to be competitive with other schools
 - Better balances enrollment by percentage (i.e. capacities)
 - Provides Fort Collins with growth area (1582)
 - 1582 contains "starter homes" and may not produce high school aged students immediately
- *No significant impact on transportation or current high school socio- economic percentages

Pros for Scenario B1:

- Aligns the Boltz JH feeder
 - 1293 is only Boltz boundary area that currently feeds to Fossil Ridge HS
 - Fort Collins HS currently does not have a true feeder
 - Note that currently approx. 40% of 1293 attends Fort Collins HS due to SOC
 - Better helps Poudre HS enrollment over course of 4 years
 - Enrollment is better faster for Fort Collins HS (immediate help with 1293)
 - Better balances enrollment by head count (i.e. absolute numbers)
 - Reduces Fossil's enrollment which could help in the future if SE Fort Collins begins to see growth again
- *No significant impact on transportation or current high school socio- economic percentages

❖ **Future Meetings**

- The next meeting will be Thursday, April 10 in the Boardroom at the Johannsen Support Services Complex, 2407 LaPorte Ave. where both Boundary Steering and Review committee will meet.
- The boundary recommendation will be presented to Superintendent Wilson and members of Cabinet.
- The Superintendent will make a final decision by the end of May.

FOR ADDITIONAL BOUNDARY INFORMATION

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

**Meeting ended at 7:00 p.m. **