

MINUTES – **AS IS 10/31/17**
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
ATTENDANCE ZONE ADVISORY COMMISSION
EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

October 17, 2017

9:31 a.m.

Roll Call: Members Present

Albert Delgado
Nicole Benson
Dave Flatt
David Gomez (arrived 9:33 a.m.; left 10:51 a.m.)
Diane Kinsel
Shari Lyman
Lois Mack
Cyndy Mahoney
Mike Malone
Becky Nielson
Matthew Tramp
Rachel Wren

Members Absent

Angela Haldeman
Mallory Levins
Glen Olsen

Rick Baldwin, Director II
Tracy Murphy, Coordinator IV
Steve Burda, GIS Coordinator III
Sheri Garbiso, Senior GIS Analyst

Ray Negrete, Transportation Coordinator IV
Marcelo Valenzuela, Transportation Operations Manager
Cameron Hasse, Transportation GIS Technician

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda for October 17, 2017.

Motion: Mike Malone Second: Nicole Benson Vote: Unanimous
David Gomez, Angela Haldeman, Mallory Levins, and Glen Olson were not present to vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes for September 26, 2017.

Motion: Rachel Wren Second: Cindy Mahoney Vote: Unanimous
David Gomez, Angela Haldeman, Mallory Levins, and Glen Olson were not present to vote.

REPORTS

Rick Baldwin introduced new commissioner, Dave Flatt. Mr. Baldwin presented the Unaudited Monthly Enrollment Report for October 2, 2017.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2017-2018 CAPACITY REPORT

Tracy Murphy presented and explained the 2017-2018 Capacity Report.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2016-2017 OUT OF ZONE REPORT

Tracy Murphy presented and explained the 2016-2017 Out of Zone Report.

REPORT ON APPROVED GRANTS FOR MAGNET SCHOOLS

Gia Moore, Director of Magnet/CTA, reported on approved grants to convert Lied Middle School, Mike O'Callaghan Middle School and Roger D. Gehring Elementary School to STEM magnet schools. Programs will be effective for the 2018-2019 school year and are currently accepting applications online.

Rick Baldwin pointed out that, because these will be full magnet schools, their current attendance zones will be rezoned to surrounding schools.

Gia Moore stated that current secondary school students will remain at the schools through completion of their instructional level.

Nicole Benson asked for confirmation that students in a magnet program are offered transportation.

Gia Moore stated that her office is currently working with Transportation Department on the transportation zones for these schools.

Becky Nielson asked if siblings of students currently attending these schools will receive preference in the magnet lottery.

Gia Moore stated they will receive preference in an effort to keep families together.

Mike Malone asked about new Career and Technical Academies currently being built.

Gia Moore stated there are no Career and Technical Academies being built at this time.

David Gomez asked how it is determined what magnet program goes to what area.

Gia Moore stated the first consideration is where there is space available in an area with needs to be met. Based upon applications, STEM programs are the most in demand.

David Gomez asked if a committee is formed or if staff makes these decisions. Mr. Gomez used an example of a student in the Matt Kelly Elementary School attendance zone who would have to travel 45 minutes to an hour to and from school to attend the program at Roger D. Gehring Elementary School.

Gia Moore stated any type of magnet program, STEM, the arts, or International Baccalaureate, can be accessed from any area of the valley. The determination of where a program will be implemented is made in conjunction with Magnet/CTA, the Superintendent of Schools and Demographics, Zoning and GIS.

Lois Mack asked if a seat will be filled immediately if it is vacated during the school year.

Gia Moore stated it would be filled the following school year because it requires a lottery to fill each seat. Ms. Moore stated it is uncommon for a student to leave during the school year.

Shari Lyman asked if magnet programs are open to students residing in the outlying areas and, if so, if transportation would be provided.

Gia Moore stated transportation is not provided for the outlying areas. However, any student, even those outside the transportation zone, can apply and attend if selected through the lottery.

Rachel Wren asked if students from outlying areas are given higher preference in the lottery.

Gia Moore stated they are not.

David Gomez asked if Transportation reimburses parents for taking their student to a magnet school when transportation is unavailable as they do for students with IEP's.

Ray Negrete stated there is a cap on the amount parents can be reimbursed of approximately \$10.00 per day.

David Gomez asked if there is additional reimbursement if a parent is coming from as far away as Moapa Valley.

Ray Negrete stated there is not.

Nicole Benson asked if there are statistics on how many students residing in the area of magnet schools apply and attend these programs.

Gia Moore stated close to 100% of students remain at a school when it converts to total magnet. She stated most parents will not opt out of such an opportunity. The few incidents of students not remaining when a school converts to magnet are for reasons other than the program.

Rick Baldwin stated AZAC has had experience with three elementary schools converting to total magnet schools in the past few years and it has gone well. He stated this will be the first time making the conversion for middle schools; the process is expected to go smoothly.

PRESENTATION OF HOT SPOT DATA FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOLS

Rick Baldwin presented the Hot Spot map and data sheets for Clark County School District. Mr. Baldwin pointed out the relief achieved by opening seven new elementary schools this school year.

Rick Baldwin stated there are many middle school seats available, but a few pockets of overcrowding exist. The high school situation is similar.

PRESENTATION OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TRACKING

Sheri Garbiso presented areas of residential development in Clark County School District. Ms. Garbiso stated all maps in her presentation are available on the Demographics, Zoning and GIS website (dztg.ccsd.net).

PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATION FOR FOCUS AREA E1 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area E1 establishes an attendance boundary for the new Kenneth Divich Elementary School and evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of James Bilbray/William and Mary Scherckenbach, Henry and Evelyn Bozarth, Marshall C. Darnell, and Sandra L. Thompson Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin stated names for the new schools were approved by the Board of School Trustees. Kenneth Divich Elementary School is the name formerly referred to as Farm Road and Jensen Street.

Matthew Tramp stated he and Rachel Wren met with the principals of the schools involved. They have not yet created alternatives to Scenario 1.

Rachel Wren stated she and Matthew Tramp drove the area and are comfortable presenting Scenario 1 to the community for discussion. Ms. Wren stated there are charter schools in the area with space available. She spoke with parents who are committed to staying at their charter schools.

Rick Baldwin explained the numbers of students who would be moved to Kenneth Divich Elementary School from the existing schools under Scenario 1. Mr. Baldwin pointed out that the numbers provided consist of geographic students currently enrolled in CCSD schools, not those in charter schools. New charter schools traditionally draw students from CCSD schools.

Nicole Benson asked if the number of students in the area east of Grand Canyon Drive, south of Skye Canyon Park Drive, west of US-95 and north of Grand Teton Drive is too large to be included in the change.

Rachel Wren stated there are over 200 students in the area in question.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATION FOR FOCUS AREA E2 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado introduced Focus Area E2 which establishes an attendance boundary for the new Dennis Ortwein Elementary School at Dean Martin Drive and I-15 and evaluates existing attendance boundaries of Charles and Phyllis Frias, Aldeane Comito Ries and Evelyn Stuckey Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin explained the number of students to be moved to the Dennis Ortwein Elementary School from Charles and Phyllis Frias, Aldeane Comito Ries and Evelyn Stuckey Elementary Schools in Scenario 1.

Albert Delgado stated he and staff met with the representatives of Charles and Phyllis Frias, Aldeane Comito Ries and Evelyn Stuckey Elementary Schools. He is trying to arrange to meet with parent groups in the area. Mr. Delgado pointed out the development in the area. He requested confirmation that students will still be in walking distance.

Ray Negrete stated the Parma Hills and Grande Premier developments are within walking distance. The Brasado II development will require a bus on a safety exception.

Rachel Wren asked for explanation of the bus exception.

Ray Negrete stated the area south of Starr Hills Avenue is not developed and, therefore, not safe for students to walk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATION FOR FOCUS AREA E7 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area E7 evaluates the existing attendance boundaries of Don Hayden/Ruby Duncan and Vincent L. Triggs Elementary Schools.

Rick Baldwin stated the intent of Scenario 1 for Focus Area E7 is to move a master planned community from Vincent L. Triggs Elementary School to Don Hayden/Ruby Duncan Elementary Schools before students reside in the area. There are no students currently in the area.

Shari Lyman stated it is a proactive move.

Rick Baldwin stated he has spoken with the principals and explained the intent of Scenario 1. They were in agreement with Scenario 1.

Sheri Garbiso stated the community is planned for 8,607 housing units, which would yield 1,618 elementary students, 834 middle school students, and 1,179 high school students according to the current formula.

Albert Delgado asked if there is any remodeling or addition planned for these schools.

Rick Baldwin stated they are two of our newest schools and are not scheduled for additions or remodeling.

Albert Delgado asked for confirmation that this community is not presently building.

Sheri Garbiso confirmed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

A motion was made to move Focus Area E7, Scenario 1 to Proposal 1.

Motion: Shari Lyman Second: Becky Nielson Vote: Unanimous

David Gomez, Angela Haldeman, Mallory Levins, and Glen Olson were not present to vote.

PRELIMINARY ZONING CONSIDERATION FOR FOCUS AREA M1 FOR MIDDLE AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Albert Delgado stated Focus Area M1 evaluates existing attendance boundaries of Lawrence and Heidi Canarelli and Wilbur and Theresa Faiss Middle Schools.

Rick Baldwin stated this is an area in which elementary schools were rezoned last year. Feeder school alignment from the elementary schools to middle schools necessitated middle school zone changes as well. Mr. Baldwin stated several months later staff realized one small area had been omitted. The area south of Pebble Road, west of Durango Drive, north of Blue Diamond Road, and east of El Capitan Way currently has 98 middle school students in residence: 36 sixth graders, 34 seventh graders, and 28 eighth graders. The elementary students in this area were rezoned last year, leaving these students the only ones to attend Wilbur and Theresa Faiss Middle School.

Albert Delgado stated this change will be made with phasing. Mr. Delgado would like to look at the other middle schools in the area with regard to overcrowding, so is not ready to move Scenario 1 to proposal at this time.

Nicole Benson stated she agrees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Cyndy Mahoney requested clarification of the number of students reflected on the Scenario 1 geographic count and the Hot Spot maps.

Rick Baldwin stated the geographic count includes all students residing in the area. The students who are phasing to Wilbur and Theresa Faiss Middle School are counted in their enrolled school on the Hot Spot map. The next AZAC meeting will include the Percent Change Report which shows the number of students assigned to a school, but not attending the school. A large number of secondary school students attend other schools such as magnet schools, or on special education assignment, zone variances or open enrollment.

Albert Delgado stated there is a great deal of development occurring in this area. The number of students phasing will need to be evaluated as well.

CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

The next AZAC meeting will be held on October 31, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Motion: Shari Lyman

Second: Rachel Wren

Vote: Unanimous

David Gomez, Angela Haldeman, Mallory Levins, and Glen Olson were not present to vote.