

Des Moines Public Schools  
Superintendent's Facility Advisory Committee

**Meeting date:**

**April 12, 2012 at 6:00 PM**

**Central Campus Multi Purpose Room, 1800 Grand Avenue**

**Members Present:**

Marvin Alexander  
Paul Krause  
Kent Mauck  
Meredith Mauro  
Kris Cooper  
Ed Linebach  
Susie Rider  
Joel Doyle

**Members Absent:**

Brian Clark  
Burch LaPrade  
Lowell Long  
Twyla Woods

**DMPS Staff Present:**

Bill Good  
Bryce Amos  
Tom Ahart  
Connie Baker

Bill Good presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding potential district boundary changes and the history of when boundaries have been changed. The "schools of choice", terminology Bill uses, are schools that may have an application from anywhere in the district without open enrollment approval and also have currently a ¼ mile boundary; they do not have district transportation; and they do have individual policies and procedures. The discussion on boundaries for these areas concluded with the group requesting information on how increasing the ¼ mile to 'up to one mile' would impact the neighboring schools without adverse effects.

Feeder systems – a review of the current high school and middle school boundaries and proposed boundaries were displayed using Google Earth showing where there could be changes within the high school and middle school boundaries to improve the flow of students into the appropriate high school. The one challenging middle school area is Weeks which would be divided between Lincoln and East HS.

S. Rider asked 'why' there are choice schools– shouldn't all schools have the same criteria? Bill explained that these schools were in place and they have a more traditional curriculum. Bryce explained the open enrollment and talked a little about SINA (schools in need of assistance) guidelines and district transportation is a factor in placing the students requesting transfers under this criteria. It was further explained that the IB Program at Goodrell will not be going to Central Academy.

The initial boundary change focus is the middle and high schools.

Boundary considerations for elementary will be:  
Edmunds is doubling in size and will be a year round school  
Cowles 2013 will have additional elementary classrooms  
Moulton change to K-5 from K-8  
Evaluate the potential of a new school possibly on the south side  
Take time to see the secondary changes and then review elementary

Grandfathering would be an option.

Boundary review (see attachment)

The proposed timeline is as follows:

2012

April – Review by superintendents, Facilities Advisory Committee  
April – board workshop  
May – community conversations  
June/July - board actions  
August -Provide information at school registrations

2013

August– implementation of changes

In the next few days, Bill Good will be sending information to the committee for review via email (per request by members). (Google doc. overlay of boundaries has been sent 4.13.12). Emailing results of the affect of ½ versus 1 mile (or up to 1 mile) boundary for choice schools. Should we increase 'schools of choice' to include IB programs?

Work on developing the May schedule to get with schools (community) with information.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 10, 6:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Baker