

Des Moines Public Schools
Superintendent's Facility Advisory Committee

Meeting date:

September 25, 2013 at 5:30 PM

Operations Center, 1917 Dean

Members Present:

Meredith Mauro
Mary Lynne Jones
Brian Millard
Marvin Alexander
Joel Doyle
Ed Linebach

Members Absent:

Kris Cooper
Cynthia Hunafa
Jeff Hall
Susie Rider

DMPS Staff Present:

Tim Schott
Susan Tallman
Bill Good

Others Attending:

Pat Sweeny
Ben Tallman

Reviewed the committee work plan. Bill Good will modify to a draft for committee to review and forward comments.

Susie Tallman presented free and reduced data on schools located in the northeast. One of the committee goals would be to balance free and reduced percentages as much as possible for all schools. Upon review of the data, there were no large shifts in the ranges and in many cases the proposed boundaries appear to create better balance.

Considerable discussion about what plan the committee will be presenting with consensus that we want an improved plan knowing that there is not "perfect" plan.

Revisited boundary change goals:

- Aligning feeder patterns where possible
- Students having the ability to attend their neighborhood school
- Balance enrollment at schools to best utilize space and potentially free up space for neighborhood students

Committee felt we needed to distance ourselves from the term “choice” schools since all of our schools are schools of choice. Our schools need to all be referred to as neighborhood schools.

Requested information for next time:

As we move forward with changes, we need to incorporate street names into reviewing format.

Think about our theme for boundary change proposal. “Improving student (maybe add family) opportunities in all schools.

Upcoming meeting date and location scheduled:

5:30 p.m. – October 23, 2013 at 1917 Dean Avenue Conference Room

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

For Connie Baker.....Bill Good