

Des Moines Public Schools
Superintendent's Facility Advisory Committee

Meeting date:

September 11, 2013 at 5:30 PM

Operations Center, 1917 Dean Avenue

Members Present:

Brian Millard
Marvin Alexander
Joel Doyle
Ed Linebach
Kris Cooper
Mary Lynne Jones

Members Absent:

Cynthia Hunafa
Meredith Mauro
Jeff Hall
Susie Rider - resigned

DMPS Staff Present:

Tim Schott
Susan Tallman
Bill Good
Tom Ahart
Connie Baker

Others Attending:

Susie Tallman presented a map of the potential Central and NE Section boundaries of elementary schools with the goal of aligning school feeder patterns and boundaries to the appropriate Middle Schools. Tim Schott reviewed the feeder patterns from Middle Schools (Hoyt, Goodrell, Harding, Hiatt MS) and then up to High Schools (East and North HS). See attachments for clarifications of proposed changes to align schools in these sections.

Considerations of enrollments and capacities were looked at very carefully, as well as transportation - helping to eliminate busing, safety such as crossing major thoroughfares. Free and reduced and open enrollment information will be reviewed in future meetings to help in determining the effects of school percentages.

Tim Schott reviewed with the group the priority they were asked to work with: right sized elementary schools and feeder patterns alignments with a goal of 100% in the NE and Central areas. The Weeks area of middle school to high school continues to be the one area that does not have the true feeder pattern from middle to high school (students at Weeks are attending both Lincoln and East rather than one or the other.)

The benefits of having true feeder patterns were discussed:

- Long Term - Parents staying in the same area and not moving around as much, knowing their children would attend elementary, middle, and high schools in the same feeder patterns and

that academically and athletically there would be continued support from district staff, athletic directors, and neighborhoods following them from elementary through high school.

- Allow HS to be more evenly populated.
- Eliminate the perception that schools of choice have different expectations and programming that separate them from other elementary schools – “ALL SCHOOLS SHOULD BE SCHOOLS OF CHOICE”. What are the expectations of the schools of choice as well as other elementary schools?

The committee plans to continue to strive to align the schools into appropriate feeder patterns while considering area needs in relationship to capacity and enrollments and what makes sense for the students.

Handouts are attached with the minutes.

Requested information for next time:

Susie & Tim will have the West area for the committee to discuss and review on 9/25/13.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming meeting dates and locations scheduled:

5:30 p.m. Wed, Sept. 25, 2013 at 1917 Dean Avenue - Conference Room (Review of NW area)

5:30 p.m. Wed, Oct. 23, 2013 at 1917 Dean Ave – Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Baker