



## **Attendance Areas PreK-12 Standing Committee**

January 31, 2019  
3:30 – 5 p.m.

### **Welcome**

Co-Chair Jay Jordan, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He provided an overview of today's agenda and reminded the committee of the goal to submit a recommendation to the superintendent by the end of the 2018-19 school year. The recommendation may be for boundary adjustments to take place in the 2021-22 school year when the elementary schools will be rebuilt, but we need to make the recommendation.

### **Approval of the Nov. 29 Minutes**

Jay asked that committee members review the minutes from the November 29, 2018 meeting. A motion was made by committee member Linda Miller to approve the minutes as written. Committee member Lillian Harris seconded that motion, and there was a unanimous vote to approve.

### **Review of Objectives and Norms**

Jay shared the objectives for this meeting: look closely at each of our attendance scenarios for elementary and middle school, introduce new scenarios, share updates from neighborhood visits and engage in a process to show preferences of all scenarios. He shared the team norms.

### **Consideration Factors**

The committee again referred to [Policy 3130](#), Student Attendance Areas, which guides our work. The eight factors listed in the policy are required to be considered when looking at attendance areas. The current scenarios brought forward align to this policy.

### **Possible Saturday Planning Session**

Jay asked that committee members consider a possible Saturday work day to scrub scenarios. Not all the work can be accomplished within the current meeting time frame. In order to move the work forward, time outside of the scheduled meetings may be needed.

### **School community/neighborhood meetings**

Steve Clarke, assistant superintendent and Jay Jordan, executive director of teaching and learning, co-chairs of the [Attendance Areas PreK-12 Standing Committee](#), were invited to several PTA/school parent group meetings between Nov. 2018 and Jan. 2019. Other committee members, including principals and parent representatives, attended these meetings to hear families' questions, wonders and concerns.

- Silver Beach PTO meeting on Nov. 13, 2018
- Columbia CPA meeting on Dec. 7, 2018
- Parkview PTO meeting on January 8, 2019
- Regency Park Complex on Jan. 31, 2019

### **Introduce Additional Options**

Steve reviewed current scenarios and then spent some time introducing two additional options, including the latest developed by committee member Tommy Lingbloom, referred to as scenario G.

### **Dashboard Overview for Each Option**

Committee members asked for a summary statement for each of the scenarios to help them better understand the differences and keep them clear. Committee member Tommy Lingbloom created ‘dashboards’ that provide a snapshot of the scenarios. It helps identify the pros and cons of a scenario.

### **Committee Feedback on Options**

Jay asked the committee to review each scenario in more detail, talk with other committee members, ask questions and then to indicate preference on scenarios. Each committee member was given three dots to place on their preferred scenario(s). This process was not designed to prioritize scenarios, but to provide information on preferences. All three dots could be placed on one scenario if that was the only one that seemed viable to the committee member. Jay reminded the committee members that this exercise is not to settle anything, but it could help to narrow the options and allow the committee to focus time and energy on the scenarios that seem the most viable. As a committee, we are still engaged in meeting with the broader community and gathering more feedback.

Out of the nine scenarios presented, three emerged with strong preference

Scenario G – 51% (47/92)

Scenario F2 – 22% (20/92)

Scenario A – 21 % (19/92)

The remaining scenarios received very little preference; the next highest was 3 votes (3%).

There was discussion regarding whether some of the proposed scenarios should be eliminated so the committee can focus on the scenarios that may be more viable.

### **Committee Questions**

Committee members asked for maps with main roads outlined to help locate tiles. Jay indicated this is something committee member and GIS Analyst with the City of Bellingham Planning & Community Development Department, Chris Behee, is able to do.

### **Next Steps**

Jay and Steve will take the top three scenarios and see how they work with elementary (current and proposed) and with high school boundaries and will share this out at the next meeting. Our hope for the committee is to begin to narrow down and focus on a few scenarios.

*2018-19 Meeting Dates: 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23*