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Attendance Areas PreK-12 Standing Committee

August 29, 2019
3:30 - 5 p.m.

Welcome

Co-Chair Jay Jordan, Executive Director, Department of Teaching and Learning, welcomed the committee members and provided an overview of today's agenda.

Approve June 17, 2019 meeting minutes

Jay asked that committee members to review the minutes from the June 17, 2019 meeting. A motion was made by committee member Simone Sangster to approve the minutes as written, and committee member Lillian Harris seconded that motion; there was a unanimous vote to approve.

July Sub-committee Meeting Update

Co-chair and Assistant Superintendent Steve Clarke provided an overview and update from the subcommittee meeting in July. That meeting focused on the percentage of new students who would be going to Kulshan (under the proposed middle school boundary changes) then Squalicum. The split is currently at 19% and the sub-committee wanted to look at increasing that number to 25%. The wonder was whether we could move more Silver Beach-to-Kulshan students to increase numbers from that cohort to Squalicum. The sub-committee looked at a number of options, but ultimately decided not to make any changes to the high school boundaries. While our target for splits at elementary is no less than 25-30%, the subcommittee recognized that numbers are different at the middle level. 19% of a class of 240 middle level students is different than 25% of 50 students at the elementary grade level. The full committee agreed with the sub-committee's recommendation to keep the high school boundaries as is.

During July, a sub-committee meeting reviewed possible tweaks to elementary boundaries, including some revisions between Sunnyland and Roosevelt. The sub-committee decided the section of tile 69 should stay at Roosevelt as it currently is, and the committee agreed with the sub-committee's recommendation.

Timelines

Jay talked through proposed timelines for making changes to our middle school boundaries. He shared that there is energy and interest to make all middle school changes at the same time, not in phases. After a spirited discussion, the committee agreed (and later confirmed via email) that it supports implementing changes in fall 2021 (not 2020 as proposed in June 2019) to give our community, students and staff additional time to prepare for their new schools.

The committee discussed the district's current transfer process, and whether its scope included reviewing transfer guidelines. Currently, transfer decisions are made in conjunction with principals and executive administrators. There are many factors that impact whether a transfer is approved, denied and/or appealed. The committee decided this responsibility can continue to rest with administrators.

Update on Committee Recommendation Process

Jay told the committee that he and Steve are still working on a draft recommendation; they will share it with committee members for review via email soon. We do not have another meeting scheduled, but we'll pull folks together if need be.