



Boundary Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	November 1, 2007	Minutes Prepared By:
Location:	Boardroom	Sarah Siple
Time:	5:00 – 7:30 p.m.	
Approved:	Approved by Steering Committee November 12	

IN ATTENDANCE

- Amy Bibbey
- Shannon Bingham
- Jay Bustos
- Tommi Sue Cox
- Deon Davis
- Kraig Ecton
- Mark Eversole
- Tom Lopez
- Char Micek
- Chris Nickel
- Kellie Nuber
- Manny Ortega
- George Osborn
- Nancy Ozzello
- Judson Rhoads
- John Rohrbaugh
- Jim Sarchet
- Sarah Siple
- Jim Sprowell
- Ric Thompson
- Andrea Tribelhorn
- *3 Observers*

AGENDA AND MEETING NOTES

❖ **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

- Approved Boundary Steering Committee October 11th Minutes
 - Posted at: http://www.pdschools.org/documentlibrary/downloads/Superintendent_Office/Initiatives_07-08/Boundary_Changes/Boundary_Committee_Minutes/Boundary_Committee_Minutes_10-11-2007.pdf

❖ **New Scenarios (Handouts)**

- Pros and Cons Discussion
 - Kellie Nuber led the discussion and evaluation of 7 new scenarios
 - As a result of discussion one more scenario was added (Scenario 18)

❖ **Additional Discussion**

- Representatives of each high school were given an opportunity to discuss items of concern, etc.
 - ***Fort Collins High School***
 - Fort Collins representatives expressed concern related to the future placement of a 5th high school and how a new high school could affect current and/or future Fort Collins High School boundaries, resulting in another reduction of student enrollment similar to what happened when Fossil Ridge opened. In the mission to balance high school enrollment Fort Collins High School would like to modify boundaries in order to acquire a growth area(s).
 - ***Fossil Ridge High School***
 - Fossil Ridge High School opened in 2004 with around 475 students, since that time student enrollment has increased and will continue to grow in the future but it is uncertain how quickly that growth will take place. Fossil Ridge administration has expressed that they are comfortable being a “smaller” high school, currently around 1100 students, but if they are going to continue to grow they would like to have boundary areas that would allow the high school to reach student enrollment similar to some of the other high schools.

- ***Poudre High School***
 - Poudre High School's primary concerns are to accommodate a 9th grade class as a result of grade reconfiguration, as well as to preserve the intent and integrity of two PSD Programs--The International Baccalaureate Program and the Newcomer Academy-- which are housed at Poudre High School. Poudre would not be able to successfully accomplish this endeavor given no boundary modifications; therefore some Poudre boundaries need to move in order to reduce overall student enrollment.
 - ***Rocky Mountain High School***
 - Rocky's concern is that they are land-locked given their current boundaries and there is no opportunity for growth in the future; therefore, the student population in Rocky's current boundary areas will decrease steadily over the next several years. Rocky would like to use the current PSD School of Choice policy to reduce student enrollment in order to accommodate the 9th grade class coming as a result of grade configuration and not modify their boundary areas.
 - ***Other Issues***
 - The Steering Committee is in agreement that the least amount of movement in order to meet the goal of better balancing high school enrollment is most appealing.
 - It is not desirable to move a boundary area now in order to better balance enrollment knowing the boundary would most likely have to be moved again in a few years to re-balance enrollment.
 - A point made was that each high school has a unique optimal capacity and each high school is able to accommodate a different number of students due to scheduling, usable space and other factors; this has to be taken into consideration with analyzing boundary scenarios.
- ❖ **Reduce scenario count**
- Steering Committee members rated the 8 new scenarios and 5 were voted as not feasible
 - Scenario numbers 11, 15, and 18 were kept for review and analysis
 - Steering Committee members then rated the 7 remaining scenarios and 2 were voted as not feasible
 - There are a total of 4 remaining scenarios at this time
 - Scenario numbers 9, 11, 15, and 18 were kept for review and analysis
 - Note that scenario number 5 (no boundary changes) was kept as a base line and will be renamed "Current High School Boundaries"
- ❖ **Summary and Review Committee Meeting Preparation**
- The next boundary meeting is Monday, November 12th in the Boardroom located in the Johannsen Support Services Complex. The Steering Committee will be updating the Review Committee on the boundary process and what has been completed thus far.

FOR ADDITIONAL BOUNDARY INFORMATION

<http://www.psdschools.org/psdinfo/leadership/majorinitiatives/boundarychanges.aspx>

Meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.