

Redistricting Committee Meeting
Minutes – Wiley School
October 6, 2011

Additional information discussed and requested:

1. Square footage of each school.
2. Length of bus rides and route sheets
3. Number of Petitioners and sample reasons for school requests.
4. Mobility rates for the last 5, 10, or 30 years if possible.
5. Concerns about streets such as Montclair (north side goes to Wiley and the south side goes to Yankee Ridge).
6. Concerns about East Michigan (one goes to Prairie and other side goes to Thomas Paine).
7. Would like City Planners to come out and speak with group:
 - a. King population changes
 - b. City growth where? Dunbar Court?
 - c. Three housing projects in one school versus the number of single family homes throughout Urbana.
 - d. Change former boundary areas, i.e. Victory Park back to Prairie?
8. Unknown variables such as balancing the schools, average of 68.3% for free and reduce lunch for all six schools.
 - a. Pressure releases for King and Leal
 - b. What schools can bear the relief needed at King and Leal
 - c. Which schools have the capacity to handle more teachers
 - d. Program offerings only to one school can lead to a possible law suit under Civil Rights Act? It is possible that there will
 - e. What are the implications of cultural imbalances if we take students away from King? Would that be the same as Prairie?
9. What does the committee want to do for redistricting? What “buckets” are full and must be alleviated? Numbers of students down the road will there need to be more changes?
10. Requests: City of Urbana Planners and the Champaign County Regional Planners visits for a five year redistricting plan.
11. Discussion about “sister schools” and possible concerns about why this is not an option. Specific pros and cons will be needed to be addressed for the final redistricting committee report if this option is not chosen.

12. Discussion about program “threshold” should they stay where they are currently at the schools.

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