

Redistricting Committee Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2011

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Jeffries, introductions by all. Visitors from Champaign County Regional Planning (Leanna Riley and Andrew Levy), and City of Urbana (Robert Myers, City Planner) were introduced.

Mrs. Jeffries reviewed the charge of the board:

Guidelines (in rank order by the board) established by the previous elementary redistricting committee 2011:

1. Continue neighborhood /community
2. Maintain or improve the socioeconomic balance across schools
3. Insure equitable access to resources across buildings.
4. Disrupt the least number of students and provide options that will grandfather in students.
5. Maintain special program cohesiveness
- ~~6. Consider balance calendar schools and summer enrichment programs~~
7. Minimize student travel by bus.

This committee agreed balance calendar schools and summer enrichment were beyond the scope of redistricting and was eliminated for our consideration.

Ideas for consideration	Positives	Concerns
Avoid splitting streets (Montclair, Michigan, Rutledge? S. Florida)		
Sister school concept		#4
Attendance centers		#4
Alleviate persistent overcrowding		
Busing (time and distance, number of buses)		
SES – better balance		
Maintaining cohesiveness of programs; expense and portability of programs or parts of programs?		
Mobility rate?		NOTE – mobility is not directly listed in the guidelines, but is a part of the discussion about disrupting the least number of students.
Discuss grandfathering		

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Busing Information

Thomas Paine has the most buses. Prairie has the least number of buses. Prairie has the highest number of neighborhood students (walkers).

Mobility Rate – percentage of new students moving in, students moving out.

(#) denotes population

	1999	2005	2011
King –	38 (329)	27 (324)	32 (298)
Leal -	10 (359)	23 (388)	16 (443)
Prairie-	35 (418)	29(339)	25 (332)
Thomas P.	22 (398)	20 (275)	9 (272)
Wiley	22 (320)	27 (290)	28 (335)
Yankee Ridge	14 (364)	15(291)	20 (317)

Mobility rate reflects any enrollment change between first school day in October and the last day of the school year. It is the sum of the students who transferred out and the students who transferred in, divided by the average daily enrollment, multiplied by 100. Students are counted each time they transfer out or in during the reporting year. Thus, individual students may be counted more than once.

We want to balance socioeconomic level, average currently 68% with free and reduced lunch.

King 88%

Prairie 81%

Wiley 68%

Thomas Paine 63%

Leal 60%

Yankee Ridge 51%

All elementary schools except King School have afterschool programs.

Leal also provides before school and afterschool for King students as well as Leal.

Balancing over- crowding and poverty would appear to be top priorities.

RPC can provide:

- Census data,
- District provide a list of students’ addresses, they can map where their locations are which would assist with program cohesiveness.
- Spatial distribution
- GIS software to help map and provide options. Information can be mapped, and charts developed. The city map would have students location identified by SES info and number of school-age children,
- Can also provide overview of SES status for city within 10 – 15 blocks.
- Student data can be very fine-grained by program, school.

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- Cost – RPC will provide a quote based on the scope of services in early December.
- Time Frame – would like information from RPC in 4-6 weeks. Information could be provided as it is finished and will be described in the scope of services. Progress report will be available in mid January.
- Committee can review scope to determine what we need from them and what we can afford.

City of Urbana can provide:

- Development of growth trends over the next 5 years.
- Provided a city map – appendix A Future Land Use.
- Provided the Urbana and Champaign Sanitary District – areas to grow where sewer services are.
- Future growth from Menard's owned property along Rt. 130/Highcross Rd. and Somerset and Landis Farms on Airport Rd. Growth would be slow and steady with 10 homes per year.
- City has to decide if they will reauthorize "Build Urbana" program. Development is low now so it doesn't matter, but will when building begins again; it will entice home buyers to choose Urbana over Champaign.
- Urbana has more in-fill development than most cities. This would affect demographics.
- Two thirds of Urbana population rent versus buying.
- Windsor Swim Club (Verde Prairies) redeveloped in the next year with forty townhomes. (green development) Marketed toward "empty nesters."
- We should look at the 1989 – 1993 housing development numbers which would compare to where we are economically now (coming out of the recession). Bottom line is to expect no major changes in the next five years.
- Dunbar Court – approximately 40 units refurbished in the next year.

Think about for next meeting -

1. Review all items listed above in the table with positives and concerns discussed keeping in mind board approved guidelines.
2. Review demographic report
3. Everyone should bring back top 3 priorities that we will talk about addressing to form recommendations, i.e. mobility, SES, overcrowding.
4. **Each member shall review the ideas for consideration and send Mrs. Jeffries their top two or three ideas that should remain on the list by Wednesday, November 9th. This information will be reviewed and sent to members before the December 1, 2011 meeting.**

Gayle will send demographic report to Kim and Angelica.

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 1, 2011 AT WILEY 6:30 PM