

## **Redistrict Committee Meeting – December 1, 2011 Minutes**

1. Joe Weimelt, Director of Bilingual and Multicultural Education presented the Dual Language proposal for next year. This proposal is based on the necessity of adding 2 classrooms to serve Spanish speaking students, recognizing there is no space at Leal.
2. Considerations
  - Alleviate persistent overcrowding
  - SES – better balance
  - Mobility Rate, minimize disruption, preserve special programs and avoid splitting student attendance at specific streets, keep bus routes as short as possible, program cohesiveness, and insure equitable access to resources across buildings.
3. Regional Planners – proposal (We have \$5000)
  - 33 hours of statistical overview of attendance areas. \$1563
  - 44 hours - - development of 3 alternative attendance area maps with our stated criteria \$1764 (non-interactive, 40 hours - \$1552)
  - Statistical summary of current and 3 alternative attendance area maps 21 hours - \$958 maps , 4 large format maps - \$80
  - Map revisions - \$40.00 per hour
  - Final presentation – 8 hours \$464

Discussion – leaving the ELL program at Leal which would require more neighborhood changes with redistricting.

Mrs. Jeffries will schedule a meeting for the statistical overview of the current attendance area with the committee as a whole in attendance.

Mrs. Jeffries will ask for 2 maps if it significantly will reduce the price. The third map could show population changes for 2 additional classes for Spanish language learners.

Option 1 interactive was choice of majority.

4. A discussion ensued regarding “When will we hold public forums?” to receive input from families and community members?

The purpose of forums is to hear ideas, concerns and gain input. We can post statistical map on the website. Videotape the meeting with the regional planners. Survey monkey for teachers and allow UEA Representatives time to present.

It was decided that a District-wide forum at UHS in the cafetorium and classrooms at UMS (break-out rooms). The Redistricting Committee will serve as facilitators for the break-out session. Additional needs are as follows:

- Will need a translator(s) for Spanish speaking families
- Will need a form with questions for the facilitators of the group.
  
- Evening meeting 6:30 – 7:30
- Childcare (limited availability – must pre-register)
- Second week (not Wednesday),
- Structure meeting – focus groups of 12 – 15 people, same agenda and questions
- A facilitator will give pre-determined overview /parameters
- Committee members will facilitate/lead discussion to gather information.

All committee members should submit 2 to 3 talking points each to Gayle by December 15 – FIRM! Dave Dutton will organize and Gayle will forward them to the committee as she receives them.

Gayle will check with UMS for availability.