

Attendance Balancing Committee

Committee Meeting

October 12, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Dr. Carl L. James.

The following members were present:

Community Members: Willene Brown, John Carl, Robert Cook, Duane Crosby, Kathy Fisher, Carrie Freeman, James Graves, Margaret Harned, Beatriz Huptich, Lura Jepson, Allison Lucas, Erin Matthews, Vaughnery Oliver, Ebru Sorensen, Tiffany Washburn, Roscoe Woods

York County School Division (YCSD) Staff: Aaron Butler, Ed.D., Tanya Deckard, Kelly Denny, Jennifer Goodwin, Christina Head, Carl James, Ed.D., Mark Kirk, Lisa Ruffieux

Absent: John Anderson, Carrie Prinz, Cynthia Scaturico, Lisa Stalsworth

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the October 5th meeting were distributed via email prior to the meeting date and were also available at the meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented and the motion carried.

Review of Committee Timeline:

Dr. James reviewed the timeline for completion of the committee's work. He noted that a summary of each meeting will be posted on the YCSD website: <http://yorkcountyschools.org/parents/enrollment/attendanceZoneReview.aspx>.

Data/Information Review:

A map of new housing developments was provided to committee members. Of note is possible changes to the projected number of new students because some developments are in the planning stage and final approval has not been granted.

The number of potential future elementary students shown on a map of the school division were reviewed by committee members.

SCAN Activity:

Dr. Butler facilitated the SCAN (See the issues, Clarify the issues, Assess the priorities, Name next steps) activity with the committee.

The eleven criteria used by the consultant to develop the four options for balancing elementary enrollment were reviewed with the committee. Following the review of the criteria, the committee was divided into four groups to determine the issues and considerations the division needs to discuss prior to making a decision. All groups

reported identified issues and assessed the priority of the issues. Dr. Butler will report overall priorities of the group at the next meeting.

Questions from Committee:

When will new students arrive?

This is dependent on the pace of construction. Rental units will fill more quickly than sales units.

What areas are zoned residential that are not built?

The map of the county was reviewed and more information will be provided at next meeting.

What are the projected number of new students for middle schools?

The projected number of middle school students is largely based on the elementary numbers as the students rise to middle school along with data from the county planning department.

How is the division informed of housing developments?

Anytime a new development is planned and submitted to the County Planning Department, Dr. James receives information regarding that development. The division can make suggestions and comments; however, the division cannot ask the developer for a proffer. The developer, however, may initiate a proffer to assist with the cost of additional school facilities and/or operations.

How important is it to keep enrollment down at schools with magnet programs to accommodate students wishing to enroll in the magnet programs?

This is a criterion to consider when balancing the attendance zones.

Closing Remarks:

The date the new school will open has not been determined. Moving forward the division will continue to review enrollment data and the pace of construction to determine an opening date for the new elementary school.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in School Board Office Conference Rooms A and B. Dr. Aaron Butler will review the results of the SCAN appraisal as part of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Georgia R. McQuigg