

**Redistricting Project for 2010
High School Committee Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2009**

5:30-6:00 Dinner and conversation

6:00-6:05 Dr. Kinlaw welcomed committee members and explained the new seating arrangement. Each committee member was given an assigned seat as a way to allow committee members have more interaction with each other. Dr. Kinlaw then went through an exercise with the committee outlining expected norms and behavior of an efficient committee. The committee members then gave qualities that are positive and negative. The positive qualities included open and honest communication, commitment to the overall mission, keeping personal desires and feelings aside, leaving it on the field, speaking up, speaking one at a time, attendance, good listening skills, respect, remembering overall goals, and there are no dumb questions. The negative qualities to avoid included: silence, sidebar conversations, and snide comments. These standards will be brought up again in future meetings to keep the committee on task.

6:05-6:10 Matt Cropper then reminded the committee of their roles and responsibilities, including maintaining a countywide perspective and objectivity, and that the committee members do not represent a particular neighborhood. The change in meeting starting times from 6:00 to 5:30 was approved by members as long as any voting is conducted after 6:00 to ensure all committee members are given enough time to arrive. Matt Cropper then asked the committees if they were comfortable with Cropper GIS bringing in their analyses and suggested revisions for them to review. The majority of the committee was comfortable with the consultant's role moving forward.

6:10-6:15 Matt Cropper then provided an overview of community concerns regarding each option. First, Elementary option C was under examination. There were proximity concerns from neighborhoods on the west end of the proposed Davis ES boundary and concerns also about the Three Chopt/Ridge boundaries. Also, there were boundary concerns for Echo Lake to Glen Allen ES. Cropper GIS noted that there may be a need to look at the central part of the county to minimize or reduce the number of redistricting shifts where possible.

6:15-6:20 The next option to be examined was Elementary option D. In the southwestern area of the county, there are proximity concerns related to the Gayton/Short Pump ES. There were concerns with the Davis/Short Pump boundary line. There are disruption concerns relating to Pemberton/Pinchbeck ES. There are concerns about moving the Colonial Trail ES boundary line down to W. Broad St. In the northwestern portion of the county, there are concerns about redistricting areas of Echo Lake to Longan ES. There were also concerns about dividing communities (made up of several subdivisions) along the northern part of the proposed Echo Lake/Springfield Park boundary.

6:20-6:23 Next, the committee reviewed the Middle School scenarios. The first option under examination was Middle School Option A. In the southwestern portion of the county, there were proximity and disruption concerns about proposed redistricting of neighborhoods around Crestview ES from Tuckahoe MS to Brookland MS. Also, there were concerns about proposed redistricting of the area currently in Tuckahoe MS (North of Patterson) to Byrd MS. In the northwest portion of the county, there were concerns about splitting the neighborhood between Short Pump/Hungary Creek in the Longan ES area. There were proximity concerns with Short Pump MS extending far east past Tucker HS. In addition, there were concerns with the division of communities along Hungary Creek/New MS boundary line.

6:23-6:28 Next, the committee reviewed Middle School Option D. In the southwestern portion, there were concerns about the proposed redistricting of the western part of the current Pocahontas zone to Short Pump MS. In addition, there were concerns about proposed redistricting of neighborhoods south of Patterson to Byrd MS. In the northwestern portion, there were concerns about the dividing line between the New MS, Short Pump MS, and Hungary Creek MS (along Springfield Rd). In addition, there were proximity concerns related to the proposed redistricting of areas closer to Hungary Creek MS than Short Pump MS. In the central/eastern portion there were concerns about the Brookland MS boundary extending too close to Wilder MS. In addition, there were concerns about proposed redistricting for Rolfe/Fairfield MS.

6:28-6:35 Next, the committee reviewed High School Option A. In the central/eastern portion of the county, there were concerns about proposed redistricting of area near Seven Pines ES from Varina HS to Highland Springs HS. In addition, there were concerns about the Henrico HS and Highland Springs HS boundary line along southern end. In the southwestern portion of the county, there were concerns about proposed redistricting of areas that are within walking distance to Godwin HS to Freeman HS. There were proximity and disruption concerns about proposed redistricting of neighborhoods around Crestview ES from Freeman HS to Tucker HS. In addition, there were concerns about proposed redistricting between Deep Run and Godwin south of Broad St (on far west end of county). Also, there were concerns about proposed redistricting between Godwin and Freeman HS along the Pemberton Road corridor. In the northwestern portion of the county, there were proximity concerns about proposed redistricting of area west of 295 from Deep Run to New HS. In addition, there were concerns about proposed redistricting between New HS and Tucker HS near Hungary Creek MS. In the central/eastern portion of the county, there were concerns about proposed redistricting of the area near Seven Pines ES from Varina HS to Highland Springs HS. In addition, there were concerns about Henrico HS and Highland Springs HS boundary line along southern end. One committee member mentioned that there were additional concerns from the Telegraph Run subdivision being divided.

6:35-6:40 Next, the committee reviewed High School Option C. In the central/eastern portion of the county, there were concerns about proposed redistricting of areas that are in close proximity to Henrico HS to Hermitage HS. Also, there were concerns about proposed redistricting between Highland Springs HS and Varina HS. There are concerns about proposed redistricting of areas that are in close proximity to Godwin HS to Freeman HS. There were proximity and disruption concerns about proposed redistricting of neighborhoods around Crestview ES from Freeman HS to Tucker HS. In addition, there were concerns about proposed redistricting between Deep Run HS and Godwin HS south of Broad St (on far west end of county). Also, there were concerns about proposed redistricting between Godwin and Tucker HS along western and northwestern boundary line for current Godwin HS. In the northwestern portion of the county, there were concerns about proposed redistricting between New HS and Deep Run HS near Echo Lake ES.

Part 2:

6:40-7:45 Next Cropper GIS and the committee reviewed redistricting Pairing #1 draft (ES C --> MS D --> HS A). First, the current number of splits between the existing elementary and middle school boundaries, which is 20, was examined. Prior to any adjustments to the options, there were 32 splits between ES C and MS D. After making revisions to these two options, the feeder splits were reduced to 15. Looking at the current MS and HS boundaries, there are currently 9 splits. With the current MS D and HS A option boundaries, there were 18 splits. With the revised MS D and HS A boundaries, there were 15 total splits.

There was some general discussion about the IB program. There was some general discussion amongst the committee about how overcrowding affects kids negatively.

7:45-7:55 Break

7:55-8:30 The consultant and the committee reviewed redistricting Pairing #2 draft (ES D --> MS A --> HS C). First, the consultant presented the current number of splits between the existing elementary and middle school boundaries, which is 20. Prior to any adjustments to the options, there were 34 splits between ES D and MS A. After adjustments, there were 19 total splits between ES D revised and MS A revised. Looking at the current MS and HS boundaries, there are currently 9 splits. With the current MS A and HS C option boundaries, there were 16 splits. With the revised MS A and HS C boundaries, there were 12 total splits.

Questions about if foreclosures and home ownership changes were taken into account in the projections was asked. A concern for the Chamberlayne Farms subdivision was also addressed. This subdivision is closer to Henrico High School than it is to Hermitage High School. A committee

member asked about the redistricting timeline. There will be one more meeting before the next community forums. Another question was asked about when the community will be allowed to view the information presented tonight. These will be posted online prior to the community forums.

The question about having transparent overlays to help with the feeder pattern analysis was addressed. Also, the committee asked if the information that tells how many kids will be impacted in each split could be produced. Another committee member asked if they could receive another table that shows the number of students impacted by redistricting. Concerns about capacity vs. future growth and economy were examined. The concern was discussed regarding Tucker/Freeman losing enrollment and Deep Run staying at 99% through 2013.

Committee members asked about the IB programs and the grandfathering and phasing in of students. One committee member brought up a concern about the School Board possibly revising the options after they are presented by the committee.

Meeting adjourned 8:36 pm.

High School Subcommittee 2/11/09

High School Affiliation	Name	Attendance
DEEP RUN	JEFF FRANZ	Present
	CATHLEEN BREW	Present
	RICK BLACK	Absent
FREEMAN	SUSAN SNYDER	Present
	DONALD O. "SPEC" CAMPEN, JR.	Present
	STANLEY KNIGHT JOYNES, III	Present
GODWIN	ELDNER (ELLIE) SHEPARD	Present
	TODD RICH	Present
	MARY N. HEDRICK	Present
HENRICO	JENNY M. HIGH	Present
	R. WESTON CLARK "WES"	Present
	TARA E. ADAMS	Present
HERMITAGE	PAUL M. YOUNG	Present
	BEVERLY L. COCKE	Present
	ANNA L. McCOY-DEMOSS	Present
HIGHLAND SPRINGS	DARVI MATTHEWS	Absent
	IVA DANCE-GILCHRIST	Absent
	GABRIELLE JONASSAINT	Absent
TUCKER	SCOTT JARVIS	Present
	JOHN BALLSRUD	Present
	NANCI CHILD	Present
VARINA	DIANA VELASQUEZ	Present
	CAROL B. JACKSON	Absent
	LEE T. PARKER, II	Absent

CHAIR	JEFF FRANZ	Present
CO-CHAIR	TARA E. ADAMS	Present
SECRETARY	DIANA VELASQUEZ	Present