

# Demographic Trends and Facility Planning Committee | MINUTES

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Meeting date | time 9/21/2017 | 4:30pm | Meeting location District Office: Room 123C

Meeting called by

Time called

Note taker Marisa Anton

Guest Attendees:

**Laura Schlichting**

Committee Attendees:

Lori Bica  Charles Vue  Mark Goings  Philip Lyons

David Fitzgerald  County Board (OPEN)  OPEN

OPEN  Caro Johnson  Tim Nordin  OPEN

Janet Seymour  Ryan Weichelt  Wendy Sue Johnson

Resource Attendees:

Abby Johnson  Heidi White  Jim Schmitt  Tim Leibham

Larry Sommerfeld  Dr. Mary Ann Hardebeck

## AGENDA TOPICS

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Agenda topic: *Public Discussion* | Presenter *Abby*

Discussion Conversation

- o No Public Present

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Agenda topic: *Approval of Previous Minutes* | Presenter *Abby*

Conclusion Closing

- o Wendy Sue Johnson moved to accept the minutes of September, October, & November
- o Seconded by Tim Nordin. Carried by unanimous voice of acclamation.

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Agenda topic *New Chair* | Presenter *Abby*

Discussion Conversation

- o Wendy Sue Johnson nominates Phil Lyons to be New Chair – seconded by Mark Goings and Ryan Weichelt

Conclusion Closing

- o Carried by unanimous vote – Phil is the winner!!

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## Agenda topic New Members | Presenter Abby

### Discussion Conversation

- o 5 people have been presented to Chris and Dr. Hardebeck – hoping will choose on Monday night
- o Shared with them that they can come to a meeting about role
- o Hasn't gone to the PAC
- o Confirm that this will be Wendy Sue Johnson's last meeting

### Conclusion Closing

- o Waiting on board discussion

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## Agenda topic Open Enrollment for South | Presenter Tim Leibham

### Discussion Conversation

- o How does boundary change effect kids at South?
  - o 4 - 8<sup>th</sup> graders that had been on track for MHS to North
  - o 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> graders that had been on track for South to Northstar or DeLong
  - o Communication has gone out 12/13/2017
  - o No 8<sup>th</sup> graders with siblings - no one is grandfathered in

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## Agenda topic Locust Lane and Northwoods Boundaries | Presenter Abby

### Discussion Conversation

- o Waiting on sending out a press release
- o Shared that this is area is a concern – want to be ahead of the game
- o About 70 houses and surrounding homes go to Northwoods
- o Looking for a recommendation from the committee
- o What is the capacity of the schools
- o Logistically it would be silly to send them anywhere other than Northwoods; If you cut trees you can see Northwoods from the subdivision. There is no chance that there will be a road going toward Locust Lane – houses all along each side
- o Northwoods has about 60 open spots
- o Roughly 40 homes are plotted out in new area – lots are selling
- o Northwoods wasn't on the list to be concerned
- o Locust Lane and Longfellow have capacity based on 65% - from guiding principals
- o 266 current enrollments at Locust Lane
- o May want to funnel kids to Locust lane and Longfellow due to using capacity
- o 2-3 kids in Jingle Court – do we recommend all of them in that section to go to the same
- o Jingle Court rides bus with Princeton loop
- o There is an underpass – elementary kids don't use underpass
- o 2 current busses going to Locust Lane
- o Goals and Guiding Principles – having them go to Locust Lane would be best – unless there is a large bussing cost
- o Locust lane is logical – socioeconomics – space isn't an issue – population has been pretty steady – no significant growth projected – will be able to maintain for at least 5 years – have classroom space – siblings doesn't matter – using facility more to max
- o Seems silly because they can see Northwoods, but meets more guiding principles
- o Time on bus is minimal change
- o Would know route to Middle School 😊
- o Busses seem very empty – is it typical for parents to drive instead of bus – 50/50

- Beginning of the year might run more busses – adjust route accordingly
- If you move existing neighborhood maybe should offer flexible boundaries
  - Maybe move throughout district as a whole
  - May not be as easy as the other
  - Should we make Sherman and Roosevelt permanent and others flexible
  - How do we get these families where they need to be for now – then look at in the future to see about other boundaries
  - May need to be more flexible in how it works – need to revisit every so many years - not like HS need to do it more than 10 years, 2-5 years would be helpful
  - Flexible boundary is a great option, because there aren't little kids there
  - New families would know that they are going to Locust Lane
  - Busy road and safety comes into play with crossing to Northwoods
  - Locust lane has very low enrollment – don't know that it will make a dent with the small amount we are moving
  - We need to balance Locust Lane and Longfellow
  - Numbers are down at Longfellow – makes classrooms larger between 2/3 sections
  - Flynn is currently at 248
  - Lakeshore – 444
  - Flexible for now, but needs to be long term boundary changes for elementary
  - All undeveloped land in Eau Claire is undefined boundaries
    - Make a blanket statement – send to P&G
- Look at enrollment trends overall- some are high on older kids and lower on younger
  - 2 years of a trend then you can see the 3<sup>rd</sup> year
- We have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade bubble
  - Sherman has been adding a few here and there because of the flexible boundaries
- Northwoods has a lot of open area to the east and a large multiplex right by the school
- Large piece just west of the school – land is privately owned
- Can we somehow balance all 3 schools to move forward
- Lots of new families moving in to neighborhoods – older people selling and younger moving in - Manz
- What more do we need than numbers to help serve students more
  - In the master plan – how do we keep Title I funding
  - Equity issues in elementary
- What is free and reduced at Locust Lane – 54%
- Locust Lane, Manz, Flynn, Title funding
  - Benchmark being above the district average
  - Staff and families think that better services due to Title funding
  - More of a district approach to funding Title
    - Work in progress
  - We are required to fulfill certain obligations title doesn't help us do that it goes above and beyond – universal education – PBIS
  - Ongoing project to make it overall
  - If you add more schools to that then you have to reallocate the money – doesn't necessarily mean more money for the District
    - All based upon free and reduced – encouraging families fill out paperwork
    - Going by % of free and reduced is from Title guidelines
      - Have to allocate to the highest needs schools
      - Number as a district doesn't change
    - Sticks to the % numbers
    - Can service any schools but need to service above average first
- Will delaying recommendation on boundary one-month matter with people buying properties

- o As a realtor, there are no guarantees, should be relaying to the home buyers
- o Being in a district is known, but going to a school is foreign
  - o Policy at a minimum will review every 10 years – ultimately Board has final decision
- o People would assume they go to Northwoods
- o New lots touch Princeton Valley that go to Northwoods
- o Have a really empty school – looking to help
- o Does it make sense to wait to make because something is prompting the move
- o Do we need to have listening sessions because we are moving things
- o We need to change boundaries as a whole
  - o Is this a whole shift around the area instead of moving a neighborhood
  - o Is it logical
- o Situation was thrown into our laps – how do we do this short term and then fix long term
  - o Someone will always have kids in backyards at other schools
- o 4 schools in some sections – still a sense of neighborhood
- o Group wants to wait for the bussing costs
- o What neighborhoods should move to other schools over the district
- o Walk to south, but bus to DeLong
- o North of NC and west of 53 bypass – that are enrolled at Northwoods now
  - o Better to balance because Northwoods can grow more quickly
- o Invite principals to meetings about boundary changes
- o Parents invited to meetings - PAC
- o Elementary schools start at different times due to transportation

Conclusion Closing

- o Anticipate making a recommendation at next meeting
- o We have struggled to make quorum the past few meetings. It would be ideal if the new members would be selected by the Board which would fill the vacant spots on the committee. Wendy Sue’s departure from the committee may make this issue a timely one.

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Update the 2017 enrollment and % of capacity	Abby	January
Talk to Jim F about bus for Jingle Court/district	Abby/Jim F	January
Undefined / undeveloped area	Abby	January
3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday count by grade total	Abby/Marisa	January
Follow up with Enrollment for Jingle Court	Abby	January

**Agenda topic** *Agenda for Next Meeting* | **Presenter** Abby

Discussion Conversation

- o Locust Lane and Northwoods Boundaries
- o Elementary Boundaries
- o Possible Prairie Ridge

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Elementary Boundary Map	Abby	January
Can we chunk out other areas – JIM F	Abby/Jim F	January

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Agenda topic *Adjourn* | Presenter *Abby*

Discussion Conversation

- o Manz Space Issues

Conclusion Closing

- o Janet Seymour moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00pm.
- o Seconded by Ryan Weichert. Carried by unanimous voice of acclamation.

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Next Meeting *January 18, 2018 | 4:30p-6:00m* | Meeting location *District Office-Rm 123C*

Special notes:

Jim Fey will be attending the January meeting to talk about bussing routes and costs.