Boundary Adjustment Committee (BAC) Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, adjourned at 8:00 pm

FACILITATORS:
Mark Anderson        Phil Crocker        Harium Martin-Morris
Craig Numata         Ryan Rowe

ATTENDING BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS:
Kale Colyar          Steve Fisk          Cindy Coleman
Greg Forsyth         Sandra Jarrard       Shawn Jordan
Nikki Lockwood       Steph Lundberg       Matt McFarland
Theresa Meyer        Beth Nye            Jeremy Osche
Joe Phipps           Clint Price          Andre Wicks
Andee Atwood

ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Chris Barton          Brent Christensen     Kristin Day
Rob Dennie           Aaron Dingfield       Corina Fletcher
Katrina Hawker       Scott Harmon         Kristin Markham
Molly Merkle         Brian Vandenburg     Jamie Traeger
Kathleen Murray      Amber O’Connor       Megan Read
Keith Reilly         Peter Richter        Bryan Schutz
Lindsey Shaw         Julie Shepard         Heather Stratton
Rod Tamura           Gary Teale

Dr. Mark Anderson opened the meeting with a reminder of the committee’s task to develop boundary adjustments to present to the School Board for approval by next spring. Dr. Anderson emphasized the need to have draft recommendations by mid-March in order to provide virtual community forums in April. Thoughtexchange may be utilized as a tool to capture additional community feedback. In May, the BAC will work to refine the boundary recommendations in light of community feedback in time for the Spokane Board of Directors to review during their work sessions and board meetings in May and June.

The committee discussed proposed boundary changes that would impact students attending Hutton, Wilson, and Jefferson Elementary Schools. The discussion centered around the walkability of students in the Wilson neighborhood and whether it would be easier for students to walk to Wilson than be bussed to Hutton Elementary School.

Dr. Anderson explained the BAC will continue to meet over the next three months to develop the recommendations needed to obtain community feedback. In upcoming meetings the BAC will return to discussing and draft recommendations for the middle and high school boundaries in light of changes recommended for elementary boundaries.

The next committee meeting will take place on February 11th at 6:30 p.m.