Boundary Adjustment Committee (BAC) Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, adjourned at 7:30 pm with the district team remaining and answering individual questions until 8:30pm

FACILITATORS:

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

ATTENDING BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS:

Greg Forsyth  Sandra Jarrard  Shawn Jordan
Nikki Lockwood  Steph Lundberg  Matt McFarland
Theresa Meyer  Beth Nye  Andre Wicks
Joe Phipps  Clint Price  Andee Atwood
Heather Bybee  Jerrall Haynes

ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chris Barton  Brent Christensen  Kristin Day
Rob Dennie  Aaron Dingfield  Corina Fletcher
Katrina Hawker  Scott Harmon  Kristin Markham
Molly Merkle  Brian Vandenburgh  Jamie Traeger
Kathleen Murray  Amber O’Connor  Megan Read
Keith Reilly  Peter Richter  Lindsey Shaw
Julie Shepard  Heather Stratton  Rod Tamura
Gary Teale  Alex Evans  Ginny Kleman
Lindsay Shaw

Dr. Mark Anderson opened the meeting with a reminder of the committee’s task to develop boundary adjustments to present to the Spokane School Board of Directors for approval by next spring. Dr. Anderson went over the Boundary Planning Guidelines utilized by the BAC to draft proposed boundary adjustments. The guidelines include communication and process, diversity, neighborhoods, school quality, and transportation. Equity is blended into diversity and school quality. The Legacy Policy procedure will have its first and second reading by the SPS Board of Directors by March 24.

The goal for the BAC is to complete the first draft of the school boundary adjustments by the 3rd week of March. The drafts will be used during community forums to gather input from community members. The community forums will consist of a presentation followed by a ThoughtExchange. All community members will be able to select into one of three ThoughtExchange breakout rooms. The breakout rooms will provide boundary adjustment recommendations for the NW, NE, and South regions. Once the region-specific breakout discussion is completed, all community members will come together for an all community ThoughtExchange. The data from the ThoughtExchange sessions will be used as guidance for any needed edits to the draft boundary adjustments. The SPS Board of Directors will have its first work session on boundary adjustment recommendations towards the end of May, with 1st,
2nd readings in June. The final SPS board adoption of boundary adjustments will occur at the end of June.

The purpose of the BAC meeting for February 23rd was to find group consensus on scenario 105 for elementary school boundary adjustments. Scenario 105 was developed from feedback from the two-subgroups that included boundary adjustment concerns from the NE and SE regions, as well as a full review by the committee of the SW region. Scenario 105 provided the lowest amount of impact on families. The BAC made the decision to support scenario 105. The BAC will revisit their prior draft boundary adjustments for SPS middle and high schools at its March 4th meeting.

The next committee meeting will take place on March 4th at 6:30 p.m.