

Redistricting Committee Minutes  
Thursday, August 9, 2018 - 4:00 p.m.  
1555 Georgetown Rd.

Members present: Mike Cravens, Brad Daniel, Molly Dabney, Connie Harvey, Ray Daniels, Rick Queen, Kim Reeves, Lisa Smith, Myron Thompson and Steve Hill.

Community and staff present: Jennifer Cunningham, Brian Queen and Sherry Price.

**ATHENS BOONESBORO ELEMENATRY REDISTRICTING DISCUSSION**

The meeting began at 4:12 p. m. Steve thanked all for their attendance. The committee had Scenario H printed in front of them which included an undeveloped area across from Costco. Steve displayed the map and student numbers on the screen. The committee discussed the good balance of diversity and socio economic numbers with this scenario.

Steve received an email from a parent in the Chilesburg area and had shared it with the committee. One of the concerns in the email was if a child had been moved 3 times in a 4 year period would grandfathering that child be an option. Steve said he would certainly look at grandfathering those students in that situation. Another concern from that parent was if Willman Way was being split down the street.

Question: *It looks like Willman Way is split between ACE and ABE? Do we actually have some students on the same street going to 2 different schools?* Yes we do in some cases. We will look at Willman Way and see if that is the case.

Question: *Do we have any children within 1 mile of ACE that will be move to ABE?* Steve is looking at those specifics and will report back.

The committee agreed and voted to present Scenario H to the Board in September.

Steve told the group there will be two Community Forums; one for Athens Boonesboro redistricting and one for the Veterans Park redistricting. Those dates and locations will be sent to the group and that information placed on our website.

**VETERANS PARK ELEMENTARY REDISTRICTING DISCUSSION**

Steve met with the Principal, Parent Representative and Scott from Davis Demographics a couple times to discuss the overcrowding at Veterans Park so Scenario A Veterans Park was presented. Veterans Park had a current count of 838 students, even though Steve said as of today 789 are enrolled. Steve and Molly Dabney, Principal at Veterans Park, pointed out that there are some activities during the day that the parents can't attend because of building restrictions. There are restrictions with parents visiting at lunch also because the cafeteria is overcrowded. Those situations put a strain on kids, parents and staff. Steve acknowledged that moving 100 students will not fix the situation completely at Veterans Park but it will certainly help. The total of 100 students are proposed to be moved to Lansdowne and Southern. See the map with those areas proposed to be moved.

Steve displayed the map, Veterans Park Scenario A, where there is a boot like area in the middle of Millcreek population that is Veterans Park students. One committee member that served last redistricting committee said those students were pulled into Veterans Park for diversity.

Question: *Might the boot area be pulled into Squires?* We'll keep that thought for overflow and for future redistricting.

It was stated by a committee member that realtors need to be forthcoming to potential buyers about possible school changes and that most realtors have a disclaimer to check with Fayette County Public Schools to verify school areas.

A committee member who was on the Frederick Douglass Redistricting Committee reminded us that some parents were reluctant to send their students to Frederick Douglass but they are now happy with the move.

The committee voted and agreed that Scenario A Veterans Park will be presented to the Board in September.

Steve told the committee that a location and date for the two community forums will be forthcoming.

The meeting adjourned 5:05 p. m.