

Redistricting Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, June 12, 2018 - 4:00 p.m.  
Garrett Morgan Elementary

Attendance: Sabrina Adkins, Mike Cravens, Molly Dabney, Brad Daniel, Ray Daniels, Andre Fomby, Abdul Muhammad, Sherry Price, Kim Reeves, Myron Thompson, Chris Woodall, Susan Nally, Sarah Yates, Trish Crouch, Jon Flanary and Valerie Honeycutt Spears.

The meeting began at 4:05 p.m. with Steve thanking everyone for finding time in their busy schedules for this committee. Steve said that it is so important that we be transparent with the community.

Introductions were made and Steve welcomed everyone including a couple new community members that were present.

Steve showed us how to get to School Zoning Committee on FCPS.net site. Scroll down on the home page to District Quick Links and you will see School Zoning Committee. Updates will be made on that site frequently.

Steve reminded us that other elementary schools were built for 650 students. Because of such fast growing areas, the new elementary will be built for 750 students. Garrett Morgan already has portable classrooms and has only been open 2 years. We plan to pull in 550 kids from the area for the new elementary and can anticipate some private school kids coming to public with new school.

Steve introduced Scott Torlucci with Davis Demographics who made a presentation by conference call and a live demo of how they come to their forecasts.

Scott first introduced Davis Demographics to the group. Davis works with 250 to 300 districts located in 30 states. One hundred percent of the work they do is with school districts. Scott has been with Davis 21 years. Davis uses Geographic Information System (GIS) which is like a car GPS system but it gets into the background data.

Scott did a live demo of several scenarios of pulling students from one area to another based on boundaries, student forecast, student transfers, residential development and mobility of the students. Davis wants to know where the students reside, not only now, but 3, 4, and 5 years from now. Davis looks at the long term. The data is based not only on school enrollment but where students live. Some of the basic data collected is district and county boundaries. Scott named boundaries as major roads, lakes, drainage, rail road tracks and backyard lines. Scott expressed that we try to keep neighborhoods together as much as possible. Davis takes the data FCPS provides and all names living at these addresses are kept anonymous. Davis gets data from the city for future residential growth over the long term, 5 to 10 years. The forecast Scott presented was based on last 4 years data.

Scott explained how to read the chart with “total resident students in a school” and “total enrolled in resident school” using Bryan Station High as the example. (See attached) Of the 1,672 total residence students, 1,198 attend BSHS. There are several reasons the 474 students do not attending BSHS. Steve explained that we have grandfathering option. Some students choose to stay back at their previous schools. We have kids in other schools because of magnet schools and other programs. You can see on the chart where those 474 students are attending.

On the same chart Frederick Douglass High rate of students who reside in **and** are enrolled in FDHS is the lowest percentage of all high schools at 63%. The reason for that is many of those students chose to continue at their old school. That also gives FDHS room for growth in the next couple of years.

Question: *Is there a road connection to Hayes?* No, right now Hayes Blvd. would be the main route to get to new elementary.

A member expressed concern again about traffic control. Myron said the State Transportation Cabinet did do a traffic study and was not willing to put in a controlled section at this time. We may contact them again as we get closer to completion of this school.

Question: *How far is the road from the school? Would car line be pulled back onto Athens-Boonesboro Rd.?* We are being very intention about the design. We will pull as much traffic as we can off of Richmond Rd.

Question: *Where is Frederick Douglas on residential developmental study chart?* That is not the most updated chart so Scott will send us the most current study chart with FDHS on it.

Question: *Is it possible because of rapid growth this chart may not have all new apartments or new homes?* The chart is as of January data so that is possible.

Question: *Is there a way to track the students who have already been moved previously so they won't be moved again and again?* Yes. Scott will give an update next week on that. Our goal is that students don't move schools several times.

Myron told the group that our District Facility Plan under 1a has another new elementary, a middle school and STEAM Academy a priority. He is currently looking for land for the 2<sup>nd</sup> elementary and new middle school.

Question: *Do we factor in transportation?* Yes, but we rarely put a dollar figure on transportation, more of a cost of time if we lose service to another area.

Question: *Who develops the boundaries?* This committee does.

Question: *Where did the residential development unit chart info come from?* Fayette County, the city.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. at Athens-Chilesburg Elementary.