

DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENTS MINUTES
May 4, 2017

Tredyffrin/Easttown Administrative Offices
6:30 p.m.

Attending all or part of the meeting:

Board Committee Members: Virginia Lastner (Chair), Roberta Hotinski, Todd Kantorczyk, Katharine Murphy

Other Board Members: Michele Burger, Douglas Carlson, Scott Dorsey, Edward Sweeney

TE School District Representatives: Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Richard Gusick, Pat Gately

Community Members: Doug Anestad, Xavier Arnault, Kyle Boyer, Eric Clark, Brooke Goldstein, Vicky Green, Christine He, Mark Hoffman, Irene Kim, Jennifer Marques, Lori Messina, Mike Messina, Laurie Nishimura, Tara Olderman, Steve Popielarski, Tracy Przybylowski, Sheeva Reilly, Carrie Sarmiento, Tracy Viola, Cindy Wan, Tina Whitlow, Amanda Wollick

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Public Comment:

No one commented on the **Review of the April 25, 2017 meeting minutes.**

Eric Clark commented on **What Principles Informed the Decision to Redistrict.**

Mike Messina commented on the **Which Schools Will Be Involved in Redistricting.**
Carrie Sarmiento commented on the **Which Schools Will Be Involved in Redistricting.**
Tara Olderman commented on the **Which Schools Will Be Involved in Redistricting.**
Vicky Green commented on the **Which Schools Will Be Involved in Redistricting.**
Sheeva Reilly commented on the **Which Schools Will Be Involved in Redistricting.**
Tracy Viola commented on the **Which Schools Will Be Involved in Redistricting.**
Amanda Wollick commented on the **Which Schools Will Be Involved in Redistricting.**
Xavier Arnault commented on the **Which Schools Will Be Involved in Redistricting.**
Kyle Boyer commented on the **Which Schools Will Be Involved in Redistricting.**

Sheeva Reilly commented on **Criteria That Was Considered for Balancing Attendance Areas.**

Mike Messina commented on **Criteria That Was Considered for Balancing Attendance Areas.**

Brooke Goldstein commented on **Criteria That Was Considered for Balancing Attendance Areas.**

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Eric Clark commented on **Criteria That Was Considered for Balancing Attendance Areas.**

Amanda Wollick commented on **Composition of Redistricting Committee.**
Xavier Arnault commented on **Composition of Redistricting Committee.**
Carrie Sarmiento commented on **Composition of Redistricting Committee.**
Christine He commented on **Composition of Redistricting Committee.**
Sheeva Reilly commented on **Composition of Redistricting Committee.**
Mike Messina commented on **Composition of Redistricting Committee.**
Brooke Goldstein commented on **Composition of Redistricting Committee.**
Eric Clark commented on **Composition of Redistricting Committee.**
Doug Anestad commented on **Composition of Redistricting Committee.**
Cindy Wan commented on **Composition of Redistricting Committee.**

No one commented on **Timeline for Redistricting.**

Approval of Minutes:

The Committee approved the April 25, 2017 minutes.

Committee Discussion and Recommendations:

The Committee **reviewed topics and outcomes of the April 25, 2017 meeting.**

The Committee discussed **What Principles Informed the Decision to Redistrict.** Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development, and Planning, outlined the principles for the committee and community members, including: the implementation of the Elementary Blueprint for Instruction should be equitable and consistent across all five elementary schools; the Elementary Blueprint for Instruction should not be modified as a response to the imbalance in student enrollment; the elementary enrollment for the coming five years does not appear to correct the current building enrollment disparities; redistributing students to schools that have capacity is a cost effective solution and would allow flexibility in responding to future enrollment experience.

The Committee discussed **Which Schools Will be Involved in Redistricting.** Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development, and Planning, explained that demographic projections for 2017-2018 indicate that Beaumont Elementary School, Devon Elementary School, and Hillside Elementary School all fall outside of the target range for the number of students in Elementary Schools in the District, and therefore should be involved in the redistricting plan. The Committee also discussed the demographic changes in the District, the impact on student enrollment at the Elementary Schools, and the demographer's projections.

The Committee discussed **Criteria to be Considered for Balancing Attendance Areas**. Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development, and Planning, reviewed the current criteria, including: numbers of students (target range for District Elementary Schools is 450-500 students); minimize disruption (3 schools – Devon, Beaumont, Hillside; option for 4th grade ‘homesteading’); transportation routes (time on bus, rostering); contiguous neighborhoods; proximity to attending schools; and reasonably shaped attendance areas. Also, the Committee reaffirmed, without additions, the Considerations for Redistricting committee action and will present this option to the full School Board at the May 22, 2017 meeting.

The Committee discussed **Composition of Redistricting Committee**, including: 2 School Board Members as non-voting participants, 3 administrative staff members, 4 parents, an external facilitator, and consultants (demographer, transportation supervisor, etc.). The committee recommended that the volunteer parent members of the Redistricting Committee meet the following criteria: 2 parents from Devon Elementary, 1 parent from Hillside Elementary, 1 parent from Beaumont Elementary; all volunteer parent members must have a child in grade K, 1, or 2 for the 2017-2018 school year; volunteer parent members will be chosen by lottery; 4 alternate volunteer parent members will also be chosen by lottery (2 from Devon Elementary, 1 from Hillside Elementary, and 1 from Beaumont Elementary). The Committee also recommended that the members of the Redistricting Committee be announced before the first meeting in the fall of 2017.

The Committee reviewed the **Timeline for Redistricting**. The committee determined that no future Ad Hoc Committee meetings are needed until June, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Future meeting date: June, 2017/Exact Date to Be Determined
Time: 6:30-8:30 pm
Location: TEAO