

Parent Volunteer Committee Elementary Redistricting

January 2018

Why was this Parent Committee Formed?

- In recent years the elementary population in T/E has steadily grown. That growth has not been balanced across the 5 elementary schools.
- Demographic study conducted for the District demonstrated an increasing disparity in current building enrollments over the next 5 years
- In early 2017 the Education Committee of the School Board formed an Ad Hoc Committee to study the impact of enrollment growth to the elementary facilities and to program delivery.
- On May 22, 2017 the Ad Hoc Committee recommended to the full Board that a parent committee of volunteers be formed to adjust the attendance areas for Beaumont, Devon and Hillside Elementary Schools in order to rebalance the student populations.

November 2017 Demographer's Report with Current Elementary Attendance Areas

School	2017 Enrollment (Actual)	2022 Enrollment (Projected with no redistricting)
Beaumont Elementary	392	401
Devon Elementary	606	704
Hillside Elementary	422	494
New Eagle Elementary	480	568
Valley Forge Elementary	501	508

How were the Parent Volunteers Chosen?

- The Board Ad Hoc Committee designed the process as follows:
 - Parent Volunteer Applications were available on the District website from May 23, 2017 – June 2, 2017
 - A random drawing, advertised on the website and open to the public was held on June 5, 2017
 - The names of 4 parent volunteers and 4 alternate volunteers were selected by random drawing on that day
 - District administration notified the selected parents on June 5, 2017

Composition of the Elementary Redistricting Committee

- Parents from the affected schools
 - Beaumont – Mark Toscano
 - Devon – Eamon Brazunas and Katie Parker
 - Hillside – Lindsey Dunn
- Administrative Staff
 - Dr. Wendy Towle
- External Facilitator
 - Susan Tiede
- Board Observers
 - Virginia Lastner
 - Dr. Roberta Hotinski

Board Criteria for Balancing Elementary School Population

- Number of students – target range for schools would be 450-500 students (2018-19 school year)
- Minimize disruption – with possible option for 4th grade “homesteading”
- Transportation Routes – time on bus, rostering
- Contiguous neighborhoods
- Proximity to attending schools
- Reasonably shaped attendance areas

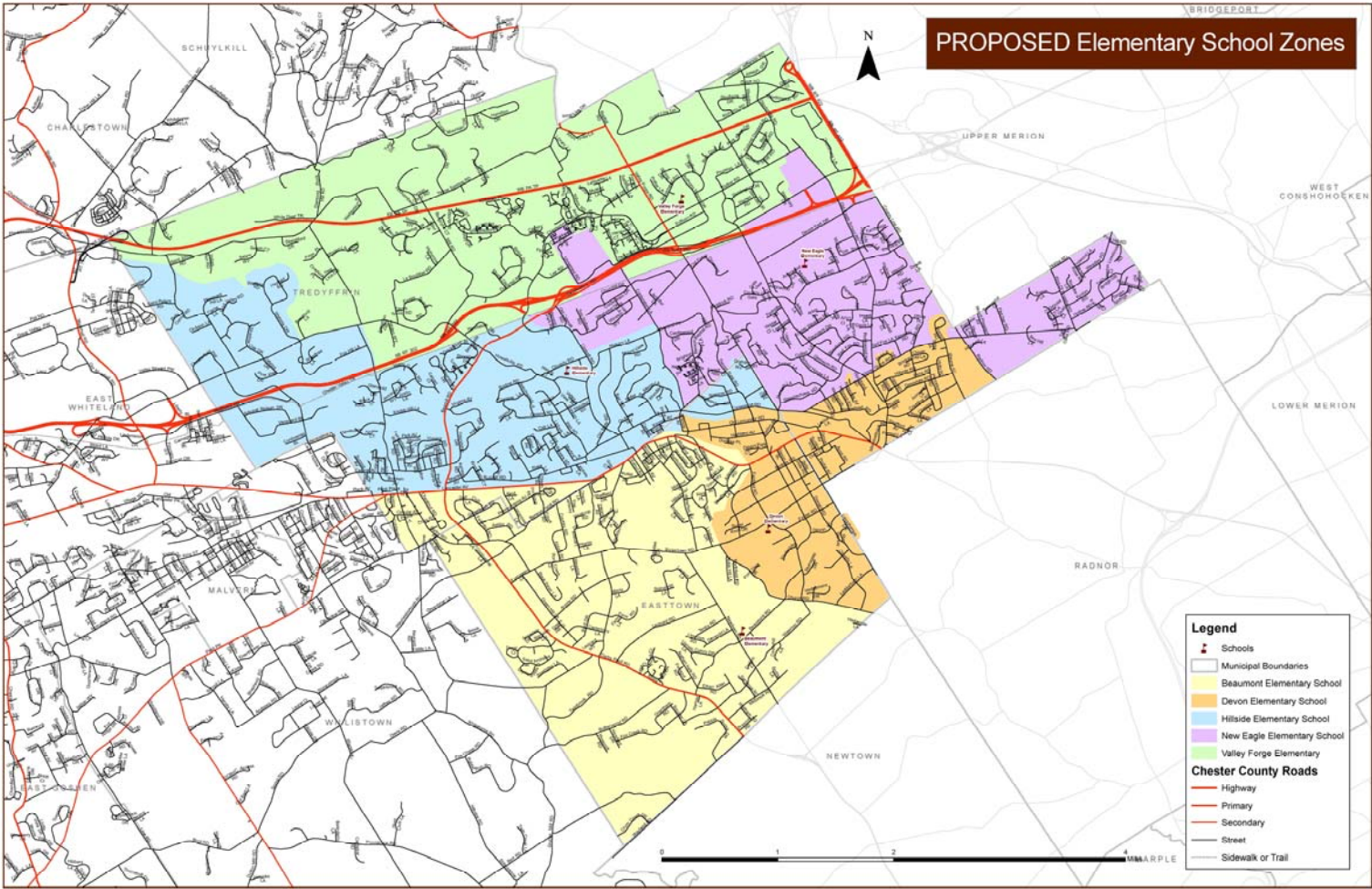
How did the Committee make a Decision?

- Carefully reviewed maps which designated where students reside within the entire Devon attendance area
- Used more major roads as boundaries when possible in order to keep neighborhoods in tact
- Drove and walked the areas being considered for change
- Requested review by the T/E Transportation Department to ensure safety and length of the proposed routes
- Requested recalculation by the Demographer to determine impact of the proposed changes to the 5 year enrollment projections

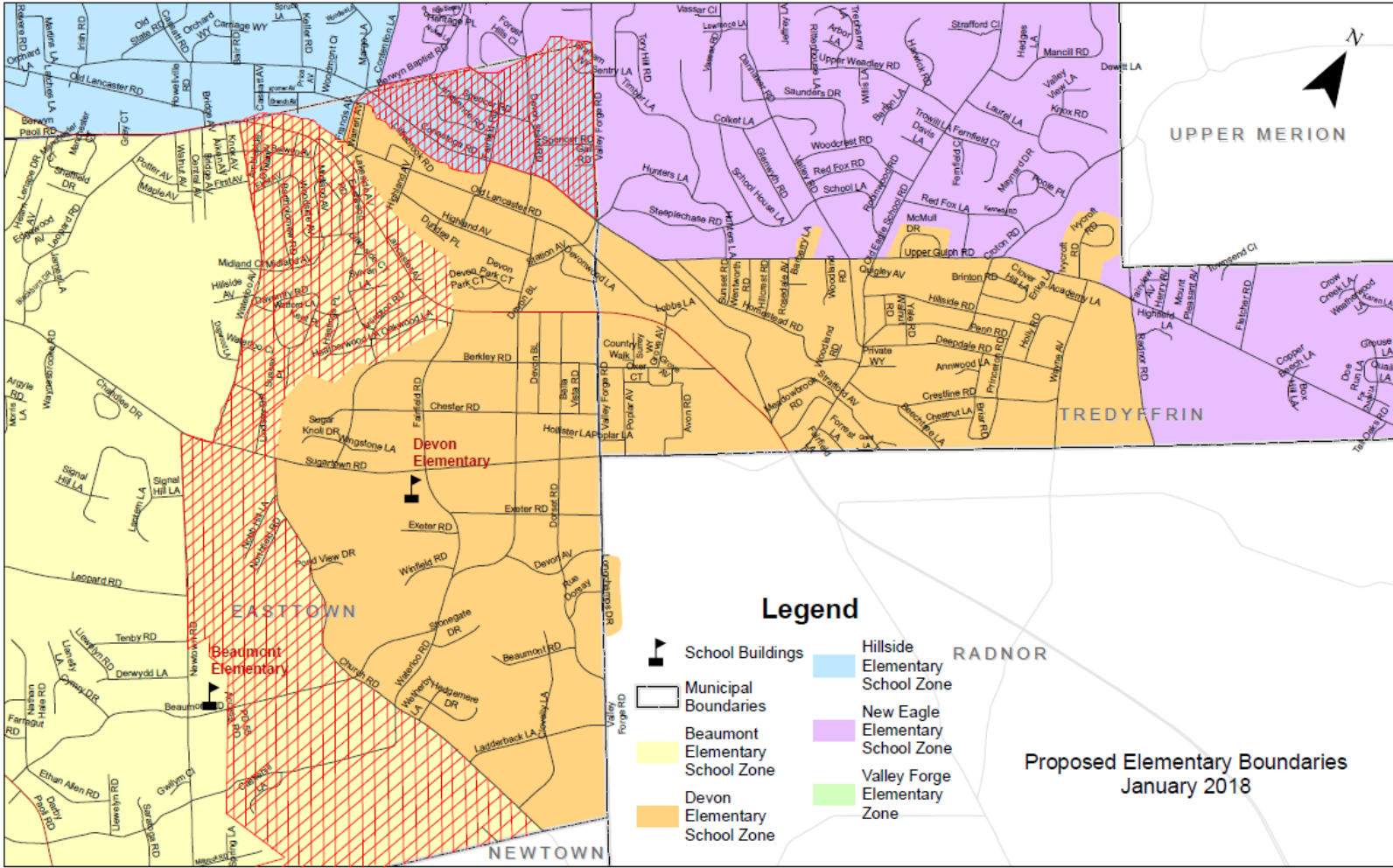
Consideration of Parent Feedback

- Presentations were made at Beaumont, Hillside and Devon during November and December of 2017 in order to update parents on the process.
- The Board as well as several members of the committee received comments from parents and community members. The Board shared all comments with the Committee.

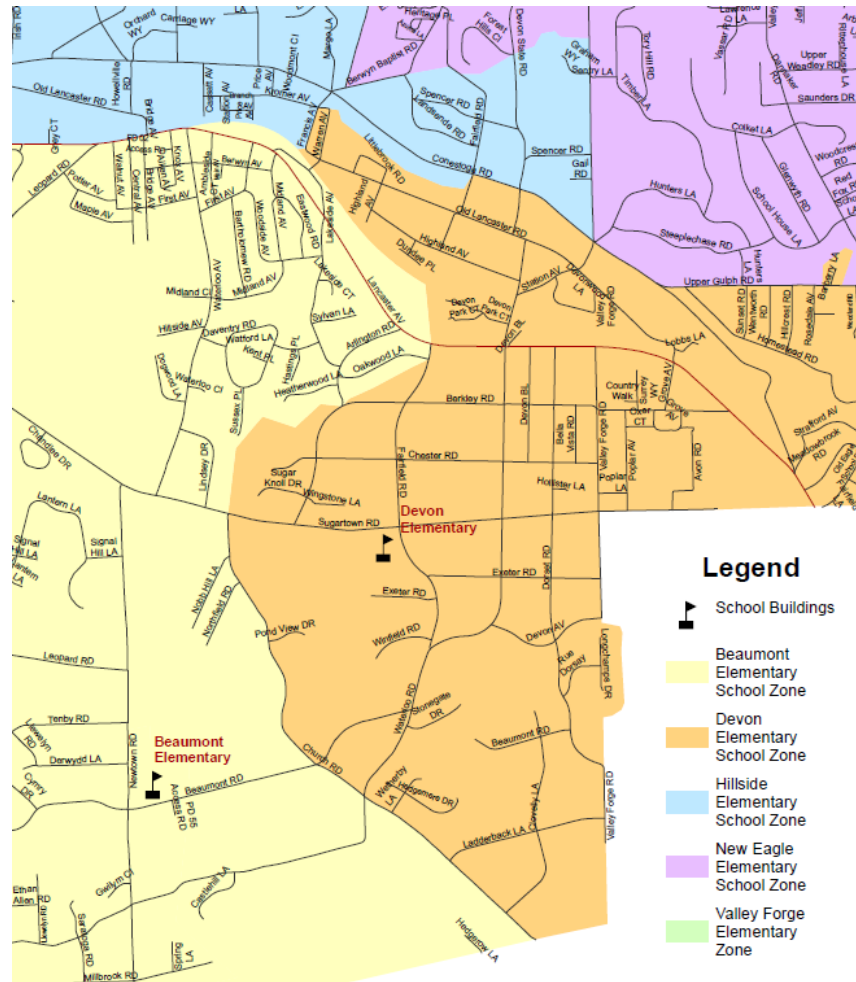
Proposed Elementary School Attendance Areas



Proposed Devon Attendance Area



Closer View of Devon Areas to be changed



Demographer's Projections Based upon Proposed Attendance Areas

School	2017 Enrollment (Actual)	2018 Enrollment (Projected with Redistricting)	2022 Enrollment (Projected with Redistricting)
Beaumont Elementary	392	493	517
Devon Elementary	606	488	536
Hillside Elementary	422	488	547
New Eagle Elementary	480	510	568
Valley Forge Elementary	501	493	508

Cost Considerations

- The Transportation Department does not anticipate the need for additional bus routes. Routes would be adjusted during the summer of 2018 to include new runs for Hillside and Beaumont and fewer runs for Devon.
- Should the Board decide to allow rising 4th grade students to stay at Devon for their final year, transportation could not be provided without considerable cost implications.
- Should the Board allow rising 4th grade students to stay, efficient staffing would require a parental decision by a predetermined Spring 2018 date and siblings would attend the redistricted building.

Committee Recommendations

The Committee unanimously proposes that the new attendance area boundaries for Devon, Hillside and Beaumont presented on the maps this evening become the elementary attendance area boundaries beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Should the Board allow rising fourth grade students to remain at Devon Elementary for one year, the following considerations would be important:

- Transportation to be provided by parents
- Siblings would move to the new school in the 2018-19 school year