

Kennedy Jr. High
Community Council Meeting
August 22, 2008 – 2:00 p.m.

In attendance: Angela Christensen, Kathy Fuller, Dr. Bill Kenley, Kent Mayne, Lisa Peterson, Beverly Thatcher, Jeanne Quann, and Cherilyn Bramall.

Welcome by Dr. Kenley. Purpose of the meeting is to discuss possible boundary changes for Kennedy Jr. and Hunter Jr. High schools. The remainder of meeting turned over to Bryce Holbrook and Michael Duncan for presentation. See attached copy of PowerPoint presentation.

Hunter Jr. High has asked for relief of their huge enrollment. A study began in February by the Population Analysis Committee of the problem. Studies were taken February through August and meetings were held. On June 17th there was a presentation to the School Board. Each of the Jr. High schools committee reports were presented to the Board and the concerns were addressed. Kennedy's concern was that a boundary change would be simply shifting the problem not solving the problem, and that with a new administration and other changes at Kennedy the recommendation was to not create any further distractions this next year. The school board asked the Population Analysis Committee to discuss potential solutions and present to the school committees. This is the purpose of the meeting today. Based on the recommendations of these meetings, the Population analysis Committee will submit recommended solutions to the board for approval on September 2, 2008. Open house meetings will be conducted in October and public input will be compiled and reviewed. A final recommendation by the Population Analysis Committee will be presented to the Board in October. Final recommendations will be submitted in November.

The attached PowerPoint presentation was presented and discussed.

Concerns/Discussion:

No one at this meeting was in the previous committee meeting in June when the original presentation was made and the concerns and recommendations were made or had heard or knew of any of the concerns. Kent Mayne was asked to join the meeting at this point to see if he knew who was at attendance at the last meeting. Heather Roberts, the Intern Assistant Principal, was representing administration at previous meeting.

We would like to have time to try and identify those people in original meeting and have this presentation made to them because of their concerns. Committee didn't feel that they could make a recommendation and discount previous concerns.

The group from Jackling Elementary that moved to Hunter with the 06/07 boundary change, didn't want to leave Kennedy. A lot of them applied for special permits in order to stay at Kennedy. Michael Duncan verified that 18-20% of those students do special permit to Kennedy.

If the group came back to Kennedy, we would be able to sustain more programs at Kennedy.

It is difficult to bounce families back and forth between schools in a few years time.

The question was brought up about having to make a recommendation at this meeting due to the unfairness that would be to the group of people that expressed concerns.

It was decided that:

Bryce Holbrook and Michael Duncan will come back to Kennedy to make the same presentation on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

Bryce will contact Heather Roberts to find out who was in attendance at previous meeting.

Parents who were in attendance at this meeting will get the word out and try to identify those parents that were at the last meeting.

Angela will contact Amy Gerritson to find out if she knows who was at previous meeting.

Cherilyn will put meeting date and time on school marquee to advertise.