

South Lyon Community Schools

Community Forum

October 11, 2016

5:30 pm

Minutes

Mrs. Baker welcomed those in attendance, introduced the Redistricting Administrative Committee (RAC) and reviewed the purpose of the meeting.

Concerns were shared by Carol Perry about a specific transportation issue affecting her students. Ms. Altermatt asked Ms. Perry to follow up with her individually on the matter.

A letter was read by Teresa Morelli-Sobczak. Presentations were made by Kelly Parks and Tim Tucker. These presentations and letter can be found on the front of the District web page.

Questions and Comments (summarized)

Superintendent Baker again shared with the public why changes had been made from the June proposal (updated numbers, feedback from the community, new development projections, a desire to better balance socioeconomic status between buildings). Jim Graham shared the rationale for keeping the portable classrooms at Dolsen Elementary.

Q: Has the district thought about using an outside consultant or a committee?

A: *Both methods have been used previously. This time, the Board charged the RAC with developing a recommendation. We are comfortable with the process used to collect data and design models to project growth. We have tried to be very transparent throughout the process and have responded to feedback. The community forums have been used as one venue to solicit additional input.*

Comment: Ms. Altermatt shared that an updated proposal and map for the middle schools will be shared by the end of the week.

Q: Who should we contact with questions or to provide more feedback.

A: *Anyone on the RAC committee. We will share you input and discuss in our meetings.*

Q: Where will the next elementary school be? Does the District have land?

A: *Building in Lyon Township would make sense due to all the growth. Students who live within a current "walk" boundary of an existing school would probably not be redistricted. However, there are no guarantees about redistricting of other students in the future.*

Q: As a new resident to SLCS, I am concerned if there will be redistricting every year?

A: *We do not have annual redistricting and we hope that this plan will hold us until the next elementary school. Additionally, there are many ways that we will support students who are going to be redistricted. (See answer to a similar question in the 9/26/16 minutes on the website.)*

Q: How will this affect intra-district School of Choice (SOC)?

*A: Current policy allows grandfathering of 5<sup>th</sup> graders. All other students would follow the normal guidelines. Information about the process can be found online. Lisa Kudwa, Assistant Superintendent, can be contacted with further individual questions.*

Comment: We live in Lyon Ridge and our children began at Hardy, were redistricted to Salem, and will return to Hardy. We have been pleased with both schools and with the support provided in the transition last time.

Q: We live in Orchards of Lyon 2. Why were additional changes to the proposal made last Friday?

*A: RAC keeps reviewing data and community input. We determined some additional adjustments were necessary.*

Q: When will the changes stop?

*A: Certainly no later than the Wednesday prior to the first November Board meeting (11/2 for 11/7 board meeting) at which the proposal will be shared for information. We hope to complete the process sooner. There is one more Community Forum on October 25<sup>th</sup>. RAC has two more meetings scheduled on October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. The final recommended plan will be posted online prior to the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, at which time it will be presented for information. The proposal will be on the November 21<sup>st</sup> Board agenda for action.*

The meeting ended at 6:25 pm.