

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2008
6:30-8:30 pm.

In Attendance, Laurie Burzlaff, Jeanne Caron, Sherrie Cashman, Richard Cushing, Patty Dunbar, Stephen Fortado. Gregg Gilligan, Tara Hurley, Kevin Hutchinson, Wendy Kahn, Christine Karelas, Beth Kline, Greg Landry, Pam Lathrop, Elaine Manke, Jim Marini, Chris Nobile, Jen Scarpa and Mary Wirtz

Redistricting Priorities - During our first meeting, the committee generated a list to guide in the redistricting decisions. During this meeting, Kevin Hutchinson led the committee in an exercise to prioritize the redistricting criteria. The results are listed below:

# of Votes	Redistricting Criteria
16	Maintain Neighborhood Schools
15	Maintain Low Class Sizes
12	Least Disruptive to the School System
12	Equity of Programs at Each School
8	Diversity
8	K-5 at Every School
3	Equitable Space in Schools (Music, Art, Library, etc.,)
1	Thomson School Choice

A discussion soon followed and some committee members made the following comments.

Maintaining Neighborhood Schools could be combined with saving on transportation costs and length of time on the bus.

Equitable Space and Equitable Programs were also mentioned. It's important that all schools have equitable programs (Music, Art, Gym, etc.,). However, it was also mentioned that all of them might not have equitable space. (For example, Some schools might have art on a cart as opposed to art in an art room.)

Current School District Maps – Maps were given out to committee members so they could familiarize themselves with the map, schools, and districts. There were discussions about the lines and areas surrounding the Atkinson School and the Franklin School.

School Room Utilization – The Principal of the Franklin School, Pam Lathrop, presented everyone with a layout of the Franklin School. She identified the spaces that would become available. The areas are as follows: PST - 783 sq. ft., PSJ -756 sq. ft., S3 -980 sq.ft., and Portable S2 -783 sq.ft. (Please refer to the Franklin Map.) The Principal of the Sargent School, Beth Kline, presented everyone with the layout of the Sargent School. She outlined the spaces that would become available on the map. (Room 127, Room 132 and Room 134. Also, Rooms 128 &129). Please refer to the map.

After looking at the maps, we reviewed the Redistricting School Data information. We took a closer look at class sizes amongst the schools along with the specialists and use of the library.

Preschool Space – After reviewing the maps, we discussed how much space is really going to be freed up once the Preschool is built. Then there was a discussion about the different ways that the spaces could be used.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21st at 6:00pm in the NAHS library.