

Parent Advisory Committee

October 5, 2016

MINUTES

1. Redistricting Information

- The two middle schools will benefit most from redistricting.
- Elementary – need to shift West to populate Bluestone Elementary. City is most dense around Spotswood.
- Keister Dual Language Program is moving to Bluestone Elementary – all participants may stay in program.
- Waterman Dual Language will stay @ Waterman. Even if zoned for another school, student may stay at Waterman.
- Transportation will be provided to dual programs.
- Question on Art Integration Program.
- Maps were shown to Committee and explained:
 - Bluestone largest school
 - Keister smallest school
 - Spotswood smallest land zone due to density of population
 - KES, WES, and BES will feed into Thomas Harrison
 - SES, SMES, SSES will feed into Skyline
 - Smithland, Skyline and Stone Spring – currently no one walks to school
 - Survey had been provided in past regarding biking/walking to school – principals being asked to look at again
- Process of enrollment projections discussed.

2. High School

- Overpopulated, safety concerns, trailers
- Architect provided proposal at October 4 School Board Meeting to add on to current space (\$45.1 million to do now and the cost would increase to \$51 million if we waited until 2019).
- Information shared regarding pros/cons and general considerations regarding opening a second high school vs. adding on to current school. Information shared on opportunities to discuss at School Board meetings – parent opinions are valuable.
- A question was asked about elective offerings and impact on class size/building space with large class size and one building.

3. Other

- Division Goals
 - equity and access to all children
 - literacy – all five elementary schools are fully accredited
 - social emotional development of our students
- On-time graduation is good. 36% of students are ELL, state is 7%
- AVID
- ChromeBooks