

Agnor-Hurt Subcommittee – Recommendation to the Superintendent
Meeting Summary
January 23, 2013

Call to Order & Attendance

Superintendent Pam Moran opened the non-public meeting at 5:48 p.m.

The full committee attended:

- Amy Baugher, parent, Agnor-Hurt Elementary
- Andrea Mejia, parent, Agnor-Hurt Elementary
- David Moyer, parent, Agnor-Hurt Elementary
- Christopher Smith, parent, Agnor-Hurt Elementary
- Jane McBrian, parent, Broadus Wood Elementary
- Cushing Whitney, parent, Broadus Wood Elementary
- Heather Swindler, parent, Greer Elementary
- Jim Tierney, parent, Woodbrook Elementary
- Anne Shipe, Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee representative
- Gerald Terrell, Equity & Diversity representative

The following principals attended:

- Michele Del Gallo Castner, Agnor-Hurt
- Kendra King, Broadus Wood
- Robyn Bolling, Greer
- Lisa Molinaro, Woodbrook

The following staff members attended:

- Josh Davis, Primary Facilitator
- Chad Ratliff, Subcommittee Chair
- Jim Foley & Renee DeVall, Transportation
- Jennifer Butler, Operations & Systems Planning Support

Presentation to the Superintendent

Josh Davis, Primary Facilitator, familiarized the superintendent with the committee's timeline, primary considerations and recommendations through a [slide presentation](#).

Josh announced that the Superintendent's recommendation will be publicized prior to the public hearing in March.

Agnor-Hurt's principal, Michele Del Gallo Castner, mentioned that Agnor-Hurt's enrollment has grown past the September 30th enrollment numbers by 20 students to 626.

Summary of Recommendations

Unanimous (10-0) recommendations to redistrict Agnor-Hurt Elementary School, as follows:

- Woodlands/Earlsville Rd to Broadus Wood (46 students) + Northfield/Huntington to Woodbrook (20 students) + Squirrel Ridge and Townwood to Greer (28 students) = 94 students.
- Grandfather clause: All rising fifth-graders and their siblings are permitted to stay at Agnor-Hurt for one year only (2013-14), but they must provide their own transportation or use an existing Agnor-Hurt bus stop, if capacity allows.

Unanimous (10-0) recommendations to redistrict students at the middle school level, as follows:

- Redistrict Northfield/Huntington to Jouett in order to prevent a new split feeder pattern at Woodbrook.
- Grandfather clause: All rising seventh- and eighth-graders are permitted to stay at Burley until they complete middle school, but they must provide their own transportation or use an existing Burley bus stop, if capacity allows.

Contested (9-1) recommendation concerning redistricting at the middle school level:

- Crenshaw/Triangle Ct. remain at Jouett, which maintains status quo and addresses public feedback

Discussion with the Superintendent

In light of her past experience with redistricting decisions, Pam ensured the committee that as long as she believes the committee has done due diligence, she anticipates moving forward with the committee's recommendations, unless there is a strong reason to disagree. Pam thanked the committee for their hard work and commitment, and added that she does not plan to micromanage this process. Pam explained that she will meet again with Josh (Primary Facilitator) and Chad (Subcommittee Chair) to review the recommendations before making her final determination.

The committee fielded multiple questions from the superintendent about the decision-making processes leading to their final recommendations. The committee's responses referenced relevant data pertaining largely to shifts in ethnicity, free/reduced lunch percentages, and English Language Learner (ELL) populations, as well as community feedback received at the public meeting and through the survey.

Additionally, each of the four elementary principals had an option to address any concerns. The committee was acknowledged for their insightful questions, their thoughtful consideration of the options, and their focus throughout the process on the best outcome for the students.

Committee members also had an opportunity to share with the superintendent any concerns coming from the communities they each represent.

Pam stated that she understands the committee is unanimous on their elementary recommendation. Further, she understands the committee's only middle school redistricting recommendation is to move Northfield/Huntington from Burley to Jouett in order to prevent a new split feeder pattern at Woodbrook. Though it was not part of the committee's original charge, Pam will bring this topic forward

to the school board on behalf of the committee. She noted that the school board has the right to handle any redistricting outside the original scope of the committee through a separate process, and that the board may choose to defer the middle school redistricting issue to the Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee for further study.

With regard to the dissenting vote concerning redistricting the Crenshaw/Triangle Ct. neighborhoods at the middle school level, Pam shared that if there is a minority opinion and it is not part of the superintendent's recommendation, she will represent that opinion to the board as well, so that they gain a full understanding of the situation.

Adjournment

Pam again thanked the committee and adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Summary prepared by Jennifer Butler