

**Western Feeder Pattern Subcommittee Final Meeting
Committee Recommendation and Process Review with
Dr. Pam Moran, ACPS Superintendent**

Meeting Summary

January 23, 2013

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

County Office Building – Conference Room 235

Attendance:

The follow members were in attendance:

- Kelly Gobble & Gavin MacCleery, Brownsville Elementary
- Jeffrey House & Craig Lindqvist, Crozet Elementary
- Holly Bittle & James Younger, Meriwether Lewis Elementary
- Kate Bakich & Keith Hammon, At-Large Appointee
- Tiffany Barber, Long-Range Planning Advisory Committee
- Andrea Roberts, Equity & Diversity

The follow member was absent:

- Patrick Barnett, Red Hill Elementary
- Mary Margaret Frank, Murray Elementary

The committee is supported by the following staff members who were in attendance:

- Josh Davis, Primary Facilitator
- Matt Haas, Chair, Western Feeder Pattern Subcommittee
- Renee DeVall, Transportation
- Jim Foley, Transportation
- Vinessa Polender, Central Office Support

Meeting Opened:

Superintendent Dr. Pam Moran opened the meeting by thanking everyone for participating in this process. Matt Haas had the committee members introduce themselves before beginning and thanked them for their service. Josh Davis stepped through a recap of the committee's timeline, areas of emphasis and highlighted the finalized and submitted options. The committee members and facilitators participated in this overview of how the committee came to their final conclusions; with Dr. Moran asking clarifying questions.

Dr. Moran emphasized that it is her belief that it isn't appropriate for her to micromanage this process but to allow the committee to do the deep investigation while making sure that all possible information was available to them. She went on to state that outside of some extenuating circumstances or information surfaces that wasn't available previously that alters their findings, she would present their recommendations to the School Board.

Meriwether Lewis

Recommendation: At this time, there is no clear benefit to moving students from Meriwether to other schools. The recommendation is to not redistrict at this time. The clear benefit of not redistricting is to maintain the flexibility of the enrollment in the feeder pattern.

Factors to be considered:

- Effective use of the existing space, including time table for removing trailers.
- Ongoing process / retention of a committee. Continuous evaluation of program capacity at the four elementary schools.
- Monitoring the data trend.
- Proposed redistricting to Crozet

Crozet / Brownsville

Recommendation:

- Revisit the CIP request for Crozet in terms of the new data for enrollment projections, the size of the proposed addition, and patterns of growth in the Western Feeder Pattern.
- Emphasize the priority of the ranking of the Crozet addition. Adding capacity to the school / feeder pattern is a high priority.
- Revisit the second and / or third options for the Crozet addition.
- Affirm the belief that Crozet is the best school in the feeder pattern for an addition.
- A school should grow within the designated growth area.
- Explore financing options for the additions.

Red Hill Expansion / Feeder Pattern Shift

Recommendation:

- The Red Hill modernization should take place for parity to serve students in current feeder pattern / existing students.
- Do not support the movement of students across current feeder patterns.
- Maintain the sense of community.
- The current enrollment projections do not demonstrate a large enough number of students to be moved to provide a clear benefit to students.
- A school should grow within the designated growth area.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned by Josh Davis.

Minutes prepared by Vinessa Polender