

# Attendance Balancing Committee



## Organizational Meeting

October 5, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Dr. Carl L. James followed by a safety briefing.

The following members were present:

Community Members: John Anderson, John Carl, Robert Cook, Duane Crosby, Kathy Fisher, Carrie Freeman, James Graves, Beatriz Huptich, Lura Jepson, Allison Lucas, Erin Matthews, Ebru Sorensen, Lisa Stalsworth, Vaughnery Oliver, Roscoe Woods.

York County School Division (YCSD) Staff: Tanya Deckard, Kelly Denny, Jennifer Goodwin, Mark Kirk, Gwendolyn Wallace, Christina Head, Aaron Butler, Ed.D., Carl James, Ed.D.

Absent: Willene Brown, Margaret Harned, Cynthia Scaturico, Tiffany Washburn

### **Introductions:**

Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

### **Background Information on Discussion of Scope of Work:**

Committee will meet each Thursday evening in October 2017 to review the options, make suggestions for changes and submit a recommendation for staff and Board consideration.

A consultant defined four options, using criteria defined by the YCSD School Board (Board), to develop options for rezoning elementary schools. The committee is to consider natural boundaries and roads, established neighborhoods, socio-economic make-up of student population, feeder schools and new growth within the county along with instructional vs. building capacity of the current school buildings as these options are analyzed.

### **Review of Current Elementary Attendance Zones:**

Each elementary school zone was reviewed using color-coded maps as approved by the Board in May 2016. Projected/proposed new residential development in each zone was reviewed. The location of the proposed new elementary school was discussed.

### **Review of Options Developed by Consultant:**

Plan A has four proposed changes. In this plan, students move from MES to WMES, from YES to SES, from GBES to CES and from CES to TES. This plan does not include the construction of a new elementary school.

Plan B has five proposed changes. In this plan, students move from MES to WMES, from YES to SES, from GBES to CES, from CES to TES and from DES to SES. This plan does not include the construction of a new elementary school.

Plan C has six proposed changes. In this plan, students move from MES to a new school, from YES to a new school, from YES to SES, from GBES to CES, from CES to TES and from DES to SES.

Plan D has six proposed changes. In this plan, students move from MES to a new school, from YES to a new school, from YES to SES, from GBES to CES, from CES to TES and from DES to SES. The attendance area for students moving to the new school from YES is different in Plan D than in Plan C.

**Determination of Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in School Board Office Conference Rooms A and B. Dr. Aaron Butler will facilitate the SCAN (See the issues, Clarify the issues, Assess the priorities, Name next steps) protocol as part of this meeting.

**Closing Remarks:**

Committee members remarked on the quality of our buildings and the plan for maintaining our buildings. The average age of York County School Division school buildings is 47 years.

As a next step, the committee is to look at the proposed options and determine what makes sense for York County School Division. The committee should consider capacity and enrollment, new residential developments, and timeline for the construction of a new elementary school as part of this review.

Respectfully Submitted:

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