



Meeting Notes

1. Welcome

Nathan Hercanuck detailed the agenda items and welcomed everyone to the meeting. One observer was present.

The Working Group was asked if there were any errors or omissions on the March 31, 2009 meeting notes. There were none.

2. Draft Objectives

The Working Group was asked if anyone had any thoughts or questions around the draft objectives. There were none.

3. Scenario Discussion/Evaluation

Mr. Hercanuck introduced Scenario 8:

- Straightens out the Preston and Grand View boundary jogs.
- Moves portions of Area C, D and all of Area B to Grand View P.S. from Preston P.S.
- Projections show this Scenario does decrease Preston P.S. slightly in the short term but as development progresses in Area A, Preston is in a similar situation as it is now (5 portables), and still overcapacity in 2018.
- Grand view does get a slight increase however it remains under capacity for the entire time horizon.

Comments:

- Thanks for reviewing and developing this – doesn't do what we thought it might.
- ***It was agreed by the group to drop scenario 8.***

Mr. Hercanuck advised the Working Group that we would go through each scenario one by one and get a "yea" or "nay" from the members to determine which Scenarios the group would like to carry forward.

Mr. Oberle indicated that at Preston P.S. last parent council meeting that group collectively evaluated each scenarios Pros and Cons, and he has brought a summary of that discussion tonight to share with the Working Group.

Scenario 1

- Still some concerns around the number of cross streets some children (in Area D) would have to cross to get to Grand View P.S. If someone is living on Chopin St. they could have to cross 9 streets to get to Grand View. At least when crossing King St. there are lights to assist.
- True, however under this Scenario some students in Area D would also have less streets to cross to get to Grand View than they currently do to Preston. Have heard from many parents that they would rather cross King St. because there are traffic lights to assist pedestrian crossings. It should be pointed out that there isn't a light at every intersection on King St., and students do have to cross the same streets people are expressing concern about to make their way to the signalized intersections.
- Historic connection (but so has Limerick Road)
- Let's leave this scenario in, we did hear from the community.
- Question about could the Board guarantee of crossing guard? Probably not; crossing guards are a city responsibility. Need is determined by traffic study.
- Mr. Smith suggested using techniques such as walking school bus.
- Mr. Oberle added some pros and cons from school council:
 - o Pros – 2nd fewest number of students affected, most stable projected enrolment.
 - o Cons – fragmentation C/D community, and safety of King Street with light.
- ***It was agreed to keep Scenario 1 for now.***

Scenario 6

- Pros and cons from Preston school council:
 - o Pros – fewest number student transitions, balance of enrolment and facility not too bad.
 - o Cons – fragments the Pioneer Tower area, more portables than other Scenarios, enrolment not as stable/equitable, Grand View numbers are low, transportation issues (half of Area A transported to one school, other half to another).
- ***It was agreed to keep Scenario 6***, but to re-work “tweak” it a bit by modifying the boundaries between A1 and A2 to make A2 larger.
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Scenario 7

- This scenario is a “maybe”, Preston school council: “lower ranked”
 - o Pros – enrolment/facility balance (Preston, Grand View)
 - o Cons – fragmentation, large transition numbers
- General agreement with this sentiment

- ***It was agreed after polling the group to drop Scenario 7.***

Scenario 3C

- Pros and cons from Preston school council:
 - o Pros – enrolment/facility, good balance.
 - o Cons – most number of student transitions, therefore large number of students impacted.
- Opinion on: splitting Area J from Grand View – don't support
- ***After discussion, by poll, the group agreed to drop Scenario 3C and look at Scenario 3A instead.***

Scenario 3A

- Less number of transitions than Scenario 3C
- Preston school council pros and cons:
 - o Pros – less fragmentation of community. Enrolment is actually well balanced (more equal distribution of enrolment between schools)
 - o Cons – transitions, not quite as good as 3C for enrolment/facility balance.
- ***It was agreed by the group to keep Scenario 3A.***

4. Roundtable

Going back to Scenario 6, Mr. Rebellato commented that this scenario doesn't balance each of the school's enrolment. After further discussion it was agreed we will keep this scenario for the Public Meeting April 29, 2009.

There will be break out rooms at the Public Meeting, then back to the general session format.

The Planning Department will provide handouts listing the scenarios for the Public Meeting.

5. Future Meeting Dates

Next Working Group meeting:

Tuesday May 5, 2009 at Preston P.S. 4:30 – 6:00 pm.

Public Meeting # 2

Wednesday April 29, 2009 at Preston High School, 7:00 – 9:00 pm