

**NEW EAGLE RIVER AREA HIGH SCHOOL
BOUNDARY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
01/22/04**

The New Eagle River Area High School Boundary Task Force met on Thursday, January 22, 2004, at 3:30 p.m., in Room 320, at the Anchorage School District Administration Building.

Mike Henry, Executive Director of High School Education chaired the meeting. Mr. Henry went over the agenda and talked about what was discussed at the January 14, 2004, meeting. Copies of the January 14 meeting minutes were provided.

Ophelia Dargan-Steed presented three boundary scenarios for the new Eagle River High School and explained the ethnic differences between Chugiak High and NERHS for each scenario. A copy of the each scenario was handed out. Following are the ethnic percentages for each scenario:

	NERHS	CHS
Scenario #1:	25.3 %	15.6%
Scenario #2:	24.0 %	15.9%
Scenario #3:	26.2%	15.4%

Mary McKean brought up the upcoming construction of 500 units on Fort Richardson. Ms. Dargan-Steen indicated that would not affect the population because they are replacing old housing on the base.

The total capacity for each school was discussed. NERHS will be 800. The projected capacity for CHS will be 1582 for 2005. Mike asked for a copy of the capacities and projected enrollments for all of the high schools.

Linda Schwald from Transportation indicated that all students will be bussed other than the students who live in the Eagle's Nest subdivision near where the school is located. If they don't have a trail on which to walk, they may have to be bussed also. Therefore, hazardous situations may be minimal.

Mr. Henry asked the committee to review the presented scenarios come up a rating for each one. The scenarios were rated as follows: #1 - 170; #2 - 157; and #3 - 128. After rating each scenario, Mr. Henry asked for the likes and dislikes of each one. Following is a list:

Scenario 1

Likes	Dislikes
Mirrored elementary boundaries	
Population balance good	
Keeps ER Elementary boundary together	

Scenario #2

Likes	Dislikes
Geographic proximity	Splits ER Elementary attendance zone
Logical clean line; easy to explain	Population balance off; too many kids to CHS
Takes in neighborhoods well	

Scenarios #3

Likes	Dislikes
Follows road and river	Cuts neighborhood
Population well-balanced; number are Closer to goal	Alpenglow/Ravenwood have to drive to far to CHS; could be dangerous
Keeps ER Elem together	Too many GMS students attending CHS (too far)
	Illogical with distance and busing; could be more costly

Rick Volk noted that there are switchbacks in a neighborhood North from the greenhouse on Eagle River Road that should be added to Scenario #1 because the exit from that neighborhood is on Eagle River Road. Mr. Henry asked that a fourth scenario be created to add those switchbacks. He also requested three large maps be made of each scenario.

Mr. Henry also requested from Demographics a diversity report of Bartlett after sending 146 students to the NERHS. Ophelia noted that Fort Rich is the least diverse of the bases.

Mr. Henry noted that the news is getting out in Eagle River and the realization of the change is hitting the population. It is important to dispel any negative rumors and remain positive.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.