

**NEW SOUTH ANCHORAGE AREA HIGH SCHOOL
BOUNDARY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES, Revised
1/15/03**

The New South Anchorage Area High School Boundary Task Force met on Wednesday, January 15, at 3:30 p.m., in Room 202, at the Anchorage School District Administration Building.

Mike Henry, Executive Director of High School Education and meeting chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

The committee felt three meetings would be necessary. The meetings will be conducted at Mears Middle School, Goldenview Middle School and Hanshew Middle School. The dates for the Boundary meetings will be in mid February, 2003.

Once we confirm the dates and times and are able to obtain the Multipurpose rooms at these locations, we will prepare a letter to be mailed to the families in each of the attendance areas, to include, elementary schools, middle schools and high schools.

Three scenarios were handed out.

Ophelia Dargan-Steed explained that scenario I included the southern portion of section 1b. Using demographic projections, the numbers given are actual numbers. Ophelia stated that it is best to plan for additional students.

Cindy Sims, Dimond parent and committee member, spoke with the Bayshore community. They are concerned with the possibility that their students will have to attend a high school other than Dimond.

Mary Kiessling, Service parent and committee member, attended the South Anchorage Community Council meetings. Many parents spoke up about the school capacities. She passed along the idea that the new high school boundaries follow the elementary school boundaries.

Scenario II increased Dimond High enrollment by 54 students.

Cindy Sims asked if they took into consideration the development of the gravel pit and how that would impact Dimond High's enrollment?

Ophelia indicated that it would impact the school by 55-60 students.

The committee was not in favor of Scenario II because it put too many students at Dimond High. Also, the ethnic balance was not desirable for scenario II.

Mary Kiessling stated that Scenario I was geographically better for Service High School.

Linda Schwald with Transportation stated that bussing was going to be a challenge for all 3 scenarios, but **avored scenario 1** from a transportation point of view. Routing maps with times and stops were distributed.

Revisions are in bold

Linda also indicated that both of the proposed scenarios (1 & 3) would increase transportation costs unless school starting and ending times are adjusted to provide more time between high school and middle school routes. If start times are not adjusted an additional six to eight routes will need to be established.

The advantages and disadvantages of the scenarios as discussed by the task force are:

- Scenario I has the best minority makeup and yields the best scenario for future development in south Anchorage.
- The disadvantage of Scenario I is that the enrollment numbers are high for the new school
- Scenario II, the distribution of students is not desirable. It impacts Dimond High School. The committee feels it is unrealistic taking into consideration the future development of the gravel pit.
- Scenario III is the best scenario if we move 50-60 students from the Hillside to the new school. This will help the numbers for Service High.

Pat Podvin made the motion to accept Scenario III with the proposed change of including the Rabbit Creek/Hillside area students in the New South Anchorage attendance zone.

The motion was seconded by Mary Kiessling
Motion passed unanimously

Pat Podvin made the motion to accept Scenario I.

The motion was seconded by Cindy Sims.
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Henry will present scenario I and III to the public in February, 2003 for comment. He will also contact Michelle Egan and Roger Fiedler with Public Affairs to get the word out to the media.

Lakima Spencer, reporter for KENI Radio, was present.

Four non-members attended the meeting and had an opportunity to speak during public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00