

**NEW SOUTH ANCHORAGE AREA HIGH SCHOOL  
BOUNDARY TASK FORCE  
MEETING MINUTES  
02/26/03**

The New South Anchorage Area High School Boundary Task Force met for their final meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2003 at 3:30 p.m., in Room 202 at the Anchorage School District Administration Building.

Mike Henry, Executive Director of High School Education chaired the meeting. Mr. Henry began the meeting by making introductions.

Mr. Henry reaffirmed the process that a recommendation from the Task Force will go to the Superintendent on February 27, 2003. One of the scenarios may be chosen. A revision to one of the scenarios may be made, or a new scenario may be developed. The Superintendent will take the recommendation to the School Board. The First Reading is scheduled for March 3, 2003. The Superintendent or the School Board may find it necessary to change the recommendation.

Mr. Henry handed out a summary of public proposals that had been received either by e-mail, personal letters or phone calls. Mr. Henry put these proposals in order and discussed each one that was listed on the sheet. He also indicated that most of the requests were based on boundaries as indicated on scenario "A".

Revisit – Room for Growth - The Task Force took a position on leaving room for growth in the new south Anchorage. Mr. Henry felt we needed to revisit this. East High and West High school students living close to Dimond and Service High Schools were no longer considered.

Revisit – School Capacity vs. Proximity - parents, teachers and students have been more concerned with the proximity issue. The Task Force considered both school capacity and distance from school, but gave higher priority to school capacity. The priority in developing this scenario has been to take a look at capacity first.

Almost all of the recommendations that were received for revision, for change, for inclusion had to do with scenario "A". The map with the public requests is on scenario "A".

Mr. Henry indicated that the Task Force would not take action on these scenarios until they had revisited the items. He went over each request that was sent to him from concerned parents in the affected areas.

The Bayshore area includes approximately 270. The total number of students in all of pocket 14 equaled 298. Pocket 8 did not include students that were to the west of Victor and to the north of 100<sup>th</sup>. This number includes the students that are closest to Dimond High. Campbell Elementary south stay at Dimond High, not Service High. That adds 180 to Dimond. Klatt Elementary zones stay at Dimond not south Anchorage would add 142 to Dimond. Campbell Elementary north to Dimond, not West High would add

about 80 students. Taku Elementary stay at Dimond, not Service would add 100 to Dimond High. Taku Elementary north return to Dimond or Service not West High School would add 90 students to either school.

Bear Valley Elementary to the NSAHS, not Service high is about 20 students in that pocket. Huffman Elementary to NSAHS, not Service High would add over 100.

O'Malley was a request to go to the NSAHS, not Service would add over 200 to the NSAHS. Using the Goldenview Middle School boundary instead of the Huffman boundary, east of the New Seward Highway would increase the numbers to the NSAHS by approximately 20 students. Kasuun Elementary school go back to Service, not East about 200 high school students in that district. The northern part of Abbott Loop elementary area attends East High. Those students want to go back to Service.

Some of the reasons listed for desired change included; safety, proximity, start time, bus travel, sports and after school activities, students must cross congested roads, keep elementary students together through high school, keep middle school students together through high school, keep communities together, sleep time for teens, family time encroachment.

Some of the suggested remedies are; continue the use of the old Dimond facility, continue use of the Dimond relocatables, fill the new Dimond to capacity or over, build o and increase the capacity of Dimond and the NSAHS to 2,000.

Mr. Henry opened the meeting to discussion.

There was much discussion from the committee about future growth. They went over all of the issues and scenarios. Testimony was recorded and is available for review.

Pat Podvin made the motion to reaffirm the original decision on leaving room for future growth in the south Anchorage high schools.

Sue Doherty seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

The committee revisited school capacity versus proximity. Much discussion took place on this topic. Testimony was recorded and is available for review.

Sue Doherty made the motion that we do not exceed 100% capacity in any location.

Mike Graham, seconded it.

Motion passed.

Mike Henry - the committee reaffirmed that they want to leave room for growth and that they do not want to exceed the capacities of any high school. These two scenarios were built and presented to the public. The scenarios were reviewed and discussed.

Guy Okada made the motion to accept scenario A.

Jim Bailey seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Each proposal from the public was considered, each individually rejected by the Task Force because it placed a single school over capacity, or because its boundaries were not contiguous, or because its proximity was less than a previously rejected proposal that would have overcrowded the school or because it encroached upon space reserved for future growth.

Mr. Henry stated that scenario A would be presented to the superintendent as the recommendation from the Task Force.

Before the meeting was adjourned, comments from the public were accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.