

# **Enrollment Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, October 26, 2016
Minutes

# Learning for Life

#### **Introductions of Committee Members**

### **Board Request**

- Update Strategic Plan
- Look into Enrollment
  - Looking at Resources
  - Learning Conditions
  - o Family and Community
- Finance Committee reconvene

#### **Intended Outcomes**

- Historical and current enrollment data
- Understand district policies related to enrollment and boundaries
- Set agenda items and goals for next meeting
- Reviewed handout folder; homework to review Board Policy

# 2009 Enrollment Study

- 2008-2009 Enrollment Study to review declining enrollment
- Huge discrepancy in class sizes between schools; committee identified class sizes
- Recommendations to Board in February; two recommendations implemented
  - Administrative Transfer Policy
    - Policy states if classes are full in a school, district has right to involuntarily transfer students to a different school where there is a opening
    - Committee member provided a parent's prospective
    - Since implementation Administrative Transfers has saved the district \$665K
  - o Updated Enrollment Study with 5 year projections
  - Neighborhood boundaries tweaked (not implemented)

#### **Current Enrollment Study**

- Review current enrollment
- Enrollment has grown over 200 students in last 4 years
- Working with demographer (Kasarada)
  - Looking at growth
  - o Live birth rate
  - Housing market
- Enrollment Capacity by Building
  - Capacity is figured by square foot not classrooms
  - o Arbor View
    - Data looks stable, however, largest receiving school of Administrative Transfers
      - 60 non-resident students
    - Houses district preschool (98 students)
  - Briar Glen
    - Mid 90's near capacity
    - Art and Music no designated classroom

- Low point 60% capacity
- Onset of declining enrollment; Briar Glen first school to transfer students out
- Last two years recipient of Kindergarten overflow
- Largely from Park View and Westfield
- o Park View
  - At capacity
  - Send out over 46 students
  - Consistently been on an upward tick
- Westfield
  - 2015-2016 burst of Kindergarten students approximately 15 students transferred out
  - On paper occupancy is 500 students
    - Current enrollment 316; don't know where extra 200 students would go

# Administrative Transfer Chart

- First year of Administrative Transfer 10 students
- Currently 14 shuttle routes going 100 students being transferred

#### Kindergarten Enrollment History

- Implemented full-day Kindergarten 2015-2016
- Increase of 40 students from 2014-2015 and 2015-2016

# Sections and Average Class Size

- Reviewed chart
- As enrollments rolls forward there is a significant impact on staffing
- Board has ability to adjust class size
  - Large classroom aides added when enrollment goes over cap
- All surrounding districts very close is class size range
  - D89 low end range is lower than most surrounding districts (when enrollment was declining)

#### Summary/Talking Points

- Enrollment growth of 200 students in last four years
- Enrollment numbers (capacity vs. occupancy)
- Park View at capacity
- Administrative Transfer Policy
- Board Policy
  - Understand parameters
- Utilize building space efficiently

#### **Next Meeting**

- Review enrollment projection data
- Analyze current boundary areas and impact of projected enrollment
- Look at facilities and using space in the best possible way with minimal disruption to our students
- Use policy to set priorities
- Dr. Robert Langman, Assistant Superintendent for Learning, and Mrs. Maureen Jones, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, will facilitated next meeting
- Preparation for next meeting read policy and understand trend data