



WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2019

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee was call to order at 5:35 p.m. in the cafeteria at Vaughn MS.

1.02 Roll Call

Chair Beth Smith (via telephone) Vice Chair Stephanie Hanna ran the meeting because Chair Beth Smith was on the telephone and members Araceli Martinez, Polly Boardman, Christina Pearson, Jennifer Peterson, Jason Shipman, Dana Galvin, Lorrain Toole, Sierra Clark and Melissa Boesen were present at roll call. Members Theresa Birchfield and Adam Carpenter were absent. Committee Liaison Dr. Paul LaMarca and staff were also present.

Member Christina Pearson left at 6:43 p.m.

1.03 Public Comment

Cristy Lum: Said she feels that Pleasant Valley ES attendance numbers presented are deceiving; 130 students are variance; request that this be considered when rezoning.

Candice Lowery: Parent, 144 students on variance at Pleasant Valley. She said she would like these families to be considered when rezoning. Pleasant Valley families' letters sent were not received by WCSD because if you have an email ending with charter.net it is blocked from the District. She says that the Pleasant Valley families have been fairly represented because most of them have Charter as carrier.

Kelly Roper: Parent, said she does not think the current proposal for rezoning is not in the best interest of their children and not aligned with Guiding Principles of the District. Wants consideration to streamline from elementary to high school. She asked the committee to consider not voting on Pleasant Valley ES until looking at other options. (Copy of concerns and alternatives given to secretary)

Sheila Peuchaud: Parent of son at Vaughn MS in the IB program. She said she is very happy with the program and would like the IB program to continue to receive support. She would like to express her gratitude and encouragement of the program.

Pablo Nava Duran: Made a comment regarding rezoning.

1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda

On motion by Sierra Clark, second by Polly Boardman, the Zoning Advisory Committee approved the agenda as presented (Yea: Beth Smith (via telephone) Araceli Martinez, Polly Boardman, Christina Pearson, Jennifer Peterson, Jason Shipman, Dana Galvin, Lorrain Toole, Sierra Clark, Stephanie Hanna and Melissa Boesen. Motion Carries 11-0

2. Items for Discussion, Presentation, And/or Action

2.01 Discussion and Possible Approval of the Minutes from the February 21, 2019 Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting (For Possible Action) Discussion, Action, Minutes

There was discussion and the minutes were approved as written.

On motion by Polly Boardman, second by Dana Galvin, the Zoning Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the Zoning Advisory Committee meeting of February 21, 2019. (Yea: Beth Smith (via telephone) Araceli Martinez, Polly Boardman, Christina Pearson, Jennifer Peterson, Jason Shipman, Dana Galvin, Lorrain Toole, Sierra Clark, Stephanie Hanna and Melissa Boesen. Motion Carries 11-0

2.02 Discussion and Possible Approval of the Minutes from the November 15, 2018 Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting (For Possible Action) Presentation, Discussion

There was discussion and the minutes were approved as written.

On motion by Polly Boardman, second by Dana Galvin, the Zoning Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the Zoning Advisory Committee meeting of November 15, 2018. (Yea: Beth Smith (via telephone) Araceli Martinez, Polly Boardman, Christina Pearson, Jennifer Peterson, Jason Shipman, Dana Galvin, Lorrain Toole, Sierra Clark, Stephanie Hanna and Melissa Boesen. Motion Carries 11-0

2.03 Presentation and Discussion of the considerations used in making zoning recommendations to the Board of Trustees, including Board Policy, Administrative Regulations, Committee-Adopted Guiding Principles, and Federal Civil Rights Law Regarding School Zoning and Race-Based Classifications (For Discussion Only)

Dr. Paul LaMarca, Zoning Advisory Committee Liaison gave a presentation regarding the role of the Board of Trustees and the role of the Zoning Advisory Committee. The role of the Advisory Committee is to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees who ultimately are responsible for decisions. The Board seeks community involvement. Dr. LaMarca went on to further discuss the Districts Guiding Principles when making recommendations. Those are: 1. Safety 2. Maximize educational quality and access to programs 3. Balance enrollment 4. Minimize disruption to families 5. Equitable access and proximity to schools and 6. Maintaining zoning changes for 3-5 years when possible. He also discussed Regulation 7107; and Policy 7105.

Neil Rombardo, Chief General Counsel spoke about Civil Rights law. He stated that the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection clause means that all people should be treated equally. As a School District we are bound to provide equal access for all.

Public Comment

Kelly Roper: Stated that it is important to use rules consistently with respect to our Guiding Principles. Ms. Roper said she feels as if safety concerns at Huffaker are not being considered. Regulation 7107 Minimize Disruption to families and neighborhoods is also not being considered and would like to see consistency.

Pablo Nava Duran: Made a comment regarding zoning issues and diversity.

2.04 Discussion of High School zones throughout the school district and the anticipated timeline for beginning substantive discussions to any high school enrollment boundary changes. (For Discussion Only)

Adam Searcy, Chief Facilities Management Officer made a presentation about high school zoning throughout the District.

It was stated that staff will not begin Zoning Advisory Committee meetings to discuss High School rezoning until early calendar year 2020. The new high school at Wildcreek (scheduled to open in August 2022) will likely affect zoning changes and will be accompanied by a 4 year phased implementation.

Public Comment

Candace Lowery: Pleasant Valley parent objects to any rezoning. Transportation is a major concern for her.

Pablo Nava Duran: Made a comment regarding rezoning

Jennifer Budge: Would like consideration of alternatives B and C.

Cristy Lum: Concern over zoning changes and rides to schools. It would be beneficial to have high school zoning figured out before other rezoning is decided.

2.05 Presentation and Discussion of the Cascading Effects Stemming from Building a middle school in the Arrowcreek area, and its potential changes to several school attendance zones (see Attachment A for a list of schools impacted). (For Discussion Only)

Adam Searcy, Chief Facilities Management Officer made a presentation on cascading effects stemming from building a middle school in the Arrowcreek area.

Following are proposed options:

Libby Booth ES: Proposed to realign Libby Booth ES to matriculate to Otis E. Vaughn MS. Currently split 3 ways.

Mt. Rose ES: Rezone portions of Mount Rose ES east of Virginia Street to Libby Booth ES and Veterans Memorial STEM and from Archie Clayton MS to Otis E. Vaughn MS. Changes in barriers will relieve overcrowding.

Hunter Lake ES: Suggested rezone from Archie Clayton MS to Darrel C. Swope MS to eliminate Hunter Lake ES split-feeder configuration.

Jennifer Peterson, Committee Member asked a question about Mt. Rose ES variances and how many there were. How many are on variance? She is concerned about the two-way immersion program going away and how that might affect the school attendance. Dr. Paul LaMarca, Zoning Advisory Committee Liaison indicated he did not know how many.

Stephanie Hanna, Committee Member asked a question regarding a timeline for a proposed addition to Darrel C. Swope MS that had been discussed at a prior meeting. A feasibility study has been conducted to expand and renovate Darrel C. Swope MS to accommodate 6th graders from all its feeders.

No Public Comment

**2.06 Discussion and Possible Action to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the school attendance zone for the new Arrowcreek Middle School, scheduled to open in Fall 2020, be established to include the portion of students at Kendyl Depoali Middle School who attend or attended Pleasant Valley Elementary School. (For Possible Action).
Presentation, Discussion**

Adam Searcy Chief Facilities Management Officer referred to PowerPoint presentation suggesting multiple proposed adjustments due to overcrowding.

Following are proposals presented:

Assign Ted Hunsberger ES, Elizabeth Lenz ES and Pleasant Valley ES to Arrowcreek MS to establish initial attendance zone and elevate 6th grades.

New ES on Rio Wrangler Pkwy in 2025/26 and realignment of Brown ES to Arrowcreek area MS

Polly Boardman, Committee Member asked about Galena HS as it relates to Pleasant Valley ES zoning. Do we have to wait until it is a blanket high school discussion for the rezoning of high schools?

Stephanie Hanna, Committee Member asked about mileage distance from Pleasant Valley ES to Kendyl DePoali MS vs. Pleasant Valley ES to new MS.

Mr. Searcy responded to Ms. Hanna that he didn't know the mileage but geographically it looks like Pleasant Valley ES is closer to Galena HS and Arrowcreek MS.

Mr. Searcy responded to Ms. Boardman's question above regarding high school zoning questions. Mr. Searcy believes that this is at the discretion of the Committee and suggest it be an agenda item for future meetings.

Ms. Hanna would like to know if the committee can make a motion to rezone Pleasant Valley ES to Arrowcreek MS with it being clear to the Board of Trustees of intent that Pleasant Valley ES be able to go to Galena HS as soon as that change was made vs. waiting until 2022?

Dr. Paul LaMarca, Zoning Advisory Committee Liaison responded to Ms. Hanna, indicating that when recommendations are taken to the Board of Trustees it is done by himself and the Committee Chair and at this point the intent can be made clear.

Jenny Peterson, Committee Member asked about variances; Do we have enrollment numbers for those on variance for next year?

Dr. LaMarca responded to Ms. Peterson that they only have enrollment projections but do not have exact number of variances at Pleasant Valley ES.

Public Comment

Masih Madani: Requesting that 5th graders at Pleasant Valley ES remain there until Arrowcreek MS is open.

Kelly Roper: Stated it is fair to vote on 2.06 before discussing 2.08 and would ask for a delay in decision.

Cristy Lum: Reported on the mileage from Pleasant Valley ES to Kendyl DePoali MS is 9.9 miles and Pleasant Valley ES to Arrowcreek MS is 9.4 miles. The mileage is negligible and the families of Pleasant Valley ES would like to stay together whether it is Arrowcreek MS to Galena HS or Kendyl DePoali MS to Damonte Ranch HS.

Candace Lowery: Concern that Pleasant Valley ES only has Charter as an option for high speed internet and so the Committee has not heard appropriate representation from the Pleasant Valley ES parents. Additionally, if you would like to rezone to Arrowcreek MS she would like a 5 year phased plan. After the new ES opens make the transition then.

Pablo Nava Duran: Made a comment regarding variances

Allison Isaia: Suggests slowing down and looking at alternatives before voting

Bryan Cason: Presented alternatives and believes there are better options for the proposed zoning changes.

Beth Smith, Committee Member (via telephone): Questions if it is possible to pause the vote until the next section 2.07 is discussed. She raised the point that crowding at Kendyl DePoali MS needs to be discussed. Kendyl DePoali MS faces overcrowding and it will get worse.

Sierra Clark, Committee Member: Asked if we could table the vote until further discussions have been heard.

Stephanie Hanna, Vice Chair, announced that 2.06 would be postponed until discussion of 2.07

2.07 Discussion on possible changes to the school attendance zones of the middle school in the Arrowcreek area, Edward L. Pine Middle School, Darryl C. Swope Middle School, and Otis E. Vaughn Middle School, that could impact Edwin Dodson Elementary School, Donner Springs Elementary School, Huffaker Elementary School, Hidden Valley Elementary School, and Anderson Elementary School. (For Discussion Only)

Presentation, Discussion, Action

Adam Searcy Chief Facilities Management Officer presented a PowerPoint; In the presentation the zoning of middle schools, Edward L. Pine, Darryl C. Swope and Otis E. Vaughn and the new school in the Arrowcreek area were discussed. The elementary schools that might be impacted-Edwin Dodson ES, Donner Springs ES, Huffaker ES,

Hidden Valley ES and Anderson ES were also discussed. The opening of a future school in Rio Wrangler was discussed as well.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/nv/washoe/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BACU5781E48B>

Alternative "A" attendance zone changes

Clean-up all split-feeders

Pleasant Valley ES and Brown ES from Depoali MS to MS at Arrowcreek

Hunsberger ES from Pine MS to MS at Arrowcreek

Lenz ES and Huffaker ES to remain at Pine MS New ES at Rio Wrangler to open in approximately 2025/26

Mt. Rose ES rezone/split-feeder clean-up

Elevate 6th grades from Pine MS and Vaughn MS elementary school feeders, and from Beck ES and Anderson ES to Swope MS

Alternative "B" attendance zone changes

Clean-up all split-feeders

Pleasant Valley ES from Depoali MS to MS at Arrowcreek

Hunsberger ES and Lenz ES from Pine MS to MS at Arrowcreek

Huffaker ES to MS at Arrowcreek

Dodson ES and Hidden Valley ES from Vaughn MS to Pine MS

New ES at Rio Wrangler to open in approximately 2025/26

Mt. Rose ES rezone/split-feeder clean-up

Elevate 6th grades from Pine MS and Vaughn MS elementary school feeders, and from Beck ES and

Anderson ES to Swope MS

Alternative "C" attendance zone changes

Clean-up all split-feeders

Pleasant Valley ES from Depoali MS to MS at Arrowcreek

Hunsberger ES and Lenz ES from Pine MS to MS at Arrowcreek

Huffaker ES to MS at Arrowcreek

Dodson ES from Vaughn MS to Pine MS

Anderson ES from Swope ES to Pine MS

New ES at Rio Wrangler to open in approximately 2025/26

Mt. Rose ES rezone/split-feeder clean-up

Elevate 6th grades from Pine MS, Vaughn MS and Swope MS elementary school feeders

The committee discussed the potential options.

Polly Boardman, Committee Member asked Mr. Searcy if he knew the percentages of Huffaker ES that go to Galena HS and Edward L. Pine MS rather than Darrel C. Swope MS?

Mr. Searcy responded to Ms. Boardman indicating that he would guesstimate 2/3 Edward L. Pine MS and 1/3 Darrel C. Swope.

Araceli Martinez, Committee Member asked Mr. Searcy a question regarding why a certain zoning barrier was created and referenced slide materials.

Mr. Searcy responded to Ms. Martinez indicating that it had to do with roadway connectivity.

Public Comment

Rebecca Solomon: Shared her concerns about the zoning options and severing the connections that they have made in the community.

Stephanie Gower: Has a son at Darrel C. Swope MS and will go to Reno HS but then changed to Galena HS. She has concerns over distance being an issue with the rezoning and would also like to be kept a single feeder.

Mathew Rogers: He is a parent at Huffaker ES and likes the idea of going to Edward L. Pine MS. Shared his concerns over flyers being distributed in his neighborhood regarding the fear of renters. He is opposed to these types of flyers being distributed and would like to welcome renters.

Rob Dyer: Has 3 children at Huffaker ES, Darrel C. Swope MS and Reno HS. Spoke of Guiding Principles and is concerned over safety moving Huffaker ES to Edward L. Pine MS which would result in crossing McCarran and Virginia. Also concerned over split feeder proposal.

Julia Dyer: Shared concern over proposed rezoning of Huffaker ES students to Edward L. Pine MS that it would disrupt children who play sports. Also, safety is a big concern that students would have to cross busy intersections.

Pablo Nava Duran: Made a comment and supports alternative A or C.

Candace Lowery: Would like Huffaker ES to go to Arrowcreek MS rather than Pleasant Valley ES. Supports zoning alternatives B and C

Kelly Roper: Supports the plan that Hidden Valley ES should go to Edward L. Pine MS, not Huffaker ES. Proposed Hidden Valley ES and Anderson ES go to Edward L. Pine MS so that Darryl C. Swope MS would get relief.

Allison Isaia: According to the plan the District proposes, Huffaker ES only school to go to Edward L. Pine MS and Galena HS. 2025 projections, decisions are being based on assumptions and says that is not appropriate.

Brian Casen: Supports alternative B and doesn't want decisions made from assumptions.

Hillary Lopez: Concerned over Huffaker ES and Edward L. Pine MS rezoning. Concerned over academic focus changing at Edward L. Pine MS. Also concerned over socialization of students with the proposed changes.

Peter Gower: Supports alternative C. He would like to further look at growth scenarios before making decisions so that we can avoid rezoning in 10 years.

Brock Marquez: Has a question regarding sixth grade to Darrel C. Swope MS. Only Jessie Beck ES and Anderson ES are slated to go to Darrel C. Swope MS. Are any other elementary schools like Caughlin Ranch ES, Roy Gomm ES or Hunter Lake ES being considered to go to Darrel C. Swope MS? The answer is; not at this time. Concerned about overcrowding.

Katie Jameson: Would like Huffaker ES to go to Edward L. Pine ES and then Galena HS. Would like to keep the bonds they have made with other families. They purchased their home because they wanted this community.

Sierra Clark , Committee Member would like to confirm that if a rezone posed a danger to students getting to school that transportation would be provided? Dr. Paul LaMarca, Zoning Advisory Committee Liaison responded that yes, in fact, transportation would be provided. Sierra Clark , Committee Member suggested that the proposal of Huffaker ES to Edward L. Pine MS would not be a safety concern because transportation would be provided.

Stephanie Hanna, Committee Member: Question about Edward L. Pine MS and Darrel C. Swope MS Star Ratings and feeder school Star Rating? Dr. LaMarca responded that Edward L. Pine MS and Darrel C. Swope MS are 3 Star schools. Edward L. Pine MS almost has enough to be a 5 Star school. Both schools have feeders that span the range. "Educational quality is not simply defined by population, it is defined by administration, teaching staff and the community at large and providing quality programming to all".

2.06 Discussion and Possible Action to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the school attendance zone for the new Arrowcreek Middle School, scheduled to open in Fall 2020, be established to include the portion of students at Kendyl Depoali Middle School who attend or attended Pleasant Valley Elementary School. (For Possible Action).

Stephanie Hanna, Vice Chair, reopened 2.06 for further discussion and asked for additional public comment. There was none.

Ms. Hanna would like to see numbers to determine the impact Pleasant Valley ES has on the middle schools.

Mr. Searcy responded that he has no data to answer the question but could provide that information at a later date and a future meeting.

2.06 On motion by Polly Boardman, seconded by Dana Galvin, the Zoning Advisory Committee recommended to the Board of Trustees that we revisit the zoning of Pleasant Valley ES to Arrowcreek MS, it was amended to include:

- 1. Consideration of relief to Kendyl DePoali MS with the current options proposed.**
- 2. Additionally, considering what it would look like if Pleasant Valley ES stayed at Kendyl DePoali MS**
- 3. Option to have Pleasant Valley ES stay at Kendyl DePoali MS and in 5 years move with Brown ES to consider what those numbers do for Kendyl DePoali MS in the future.** (Yea: Beth Smith (via telephone) Araceli Martinez, Polly Boardman,

Jennifer Peterson, Jason Shipman, Dana Galvin, Lorrain Toole, Sierra Clark, Stephanie Hanna and Melissa Boesen. Motion Carries 10-0
Christina Pearson was not present to vote.

2.08 Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board of Trustees school attendance zone changes at the following schools: Caughlin Ranch Elementary School, Roger Corbett Elementary School, Edwin Dodson Elementary School, Huffaker Elementary School, Echo Loder Elementary School, and Smithridge Elementary School, that will impact the zones at Darryl C. Swope Middle School, Edward L. Pine Middle School, and Otis E. Vaughn Middle School. (For Possible Action)

Adam Searcy Chief Facilities Management Officer made a presentation on proposed zone changes at the following schools: Caughlin Ranch Elementary School, Roger Corbett Elementary School, Edwin Dodson Elementary School, Huffaker Elementary School, Echo Loder Elementary School, and Smithridge Elementary School, that will impact the zones at Darryl C. Swope Middle School, Edward L. Pine Middle School, and Otis E. Vaughn Middle School

Jennifer Peterson, Committee Member provided the suggestion that if Dodson ES numbers are low, could we move around to fill Edwin Dodson ES and alleviate other elementary schools?

Adam Searcy Chief Facilities Management Officer acknowledged that was a good question but also suggested that Hidden Valley ES numbers are low as well. The proposed option is the best solution that they have been able to come up with.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Dyer: Suggested that the current plan does not make a lot of sense and proposed other options.

Julia Dyer: Is concerned about the current proposal because Huffaker ES is already past its' capacity. Safety is a concern as well.

Jennifer Budge: Presented an option for consideration.

Pablo Nava Duran: Made a comment

Brandi Olsen: Apartments at Smithridge ES, moving them would put Huffaker ES over capacity. Proposes moving them to Edwin Dodson ES that is being underutilized or leave as is.

Kelly Roper: Suggests that WCSD is creating a bad boundary and thinks it goes against the Guiding Principles.

Beth Smith, Committee Member: (via telephone) The first portion of the recommendation is of concern to her with the crossing over Virginia but perhaps utilization of Edwin Dodson ES if that is what we choose. Secondly Ms. Smith is in support of the second portion of the recommendation to unify Caughlin Ranch ES and Huffaker ES.

Stephanie Hanna, Committee Member: The first portion of the recommendation is concerning because it creates double overcrowding.

Adam Searcy Chief Facilities Management Officer: Answered the question from Ms. Hanna and suggested that it is a tricky scenario and he would like to create some new suggestions as to how to relieve Smithridge STEM via Edwin Dodson ES that perhaps would not include relief of Smithridge STEM via Huffaker ES but it would require an awkward alignment and transportation issues. Mr. Searcy suggested they will look at a couple of variations.

Committee members discussed possible variations and Mr. Searcy said he would have to run additional analysis.

Beth Smith, Committee Member: (via telephone) Caughlin Ranch ES is overcrowded already. She supports unifying both small areas to Huffaker ES. She is in favor of unifying neighborhoods.

On motion by Beth Smith, second by Jason Shipman, the Zoning Advisory Committee recommended to the Board of Trustees to enact the second portion of Agenda item 2.08, moving the two small pockets from Caughlin Ranch ES to Huffaker ES. (Yea: Beth Smith (via telephone), Polly Boardman, Jennifer Peterson, Jason Shipman, Dana Galvin, Lorraine Toole, Sierra Clark, Stephanie Hanna and Melissa Boesen. (Nay: Araceli Martinez; Motion Carries 9-1
Christina Pearson was not present to vote.

The committee will discuss zoning options for Roger Corbett ES, Edwin Dodson ES, Echo Loder ES and Smithridge ES that will impact the zones at Darryl C. Swope MS, Edward L. Pine MS, and Otis E. Vaughn MS at a later meeting.

CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Zoning Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Darrel C. Swope MS.

3.02 PUBLIC COMMENT

Pablo Nava Duran: Made a comment.

Kelly Roper: Bussing for after school sports is a concern for her. Please consider other alternatives.

3.03 ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Agenda item 2.03

Speaker- Kelly Roper...as it applies to ES and consistency

For the record, my name is Kelly Roper. There needs to be consistency in applying the guiding principles while making these important decisions. Safety and disruption of neighborhoods are not being consistently applied to all schools.

Principle #1: Safety:

Currently Huffaker's barrier zoning line is Virginia Street. It should remain that way. Otherwise, you are carving out a section that must cross Virginia, McCarran, and 395. South Virginia is used as the dividing line for every other school in the district for safety reasons. This principle of safety is perhaps the most important one, and it is not being applied to our school. We believe the zoning decisions for Huffaker are being guided by convenience to the school district, without regard to the safety of the students. You will be listening to a presentation on cleaning up lines at Mt. Rose ES so that Virginia street becomes the dividing line and there are no island or pocket neighborhoods. You should do the same for Huffaker and leave the zoning line Virginia street. **Administrative Regulation 7107 ALIGNMENT OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONES p. 4: 4.a.ii.3.** states that this committee should create compact attendance zones with few or no island areas. You are doing that with rezoning Echo Loder and Smithridge to Huffaker.

Principal #4: Minimize disruption to families:(creating neighborhood schools): Not only is safety an issue, but neighborhoods are being divided. The district is proposing to clean up lines at schools like Corbett, Smithridge, and Dodson so that kids that live near each other can go to school together. In the case of Huffaker the district is doing the exact opposite. These kids that you are proposing to send to Huffaker Smithridge ES simply because they no longer fit at Smithridge due to other proposed changes will be disconnected from the students in their neighborhood. They will be bussed across busy intersections to and from school and they will not be going to school with their neighborhood. We realize the Echo Loder Zone change proposed is a commercial area which makes changing the line unnecessary and you should be consistent and leave it at Virginia Street.

3-21-19

Kelly Roper

Agenda 1.03

Hello. For the record, my name is Kelly Roper. I have an 8th grader at Swope and a fifth grader at Huffaker. In February, many of us from Huffaker showed up to represent our communities, but we were not united. In the last month, we have all done a tremendous amount of research. We have contacted all of you sitting at this table by emails and phone calls, and we have had a chance to unite and create a proposal for what we think is in the best interest of our children and children that are not yet in the public schools but who live in our neighborhoods.

During agenda item 2.03, you will be reminded of this committee's guiding principles, we do not think that the proposed changes are in the best interest of our children or consistent with its principles.

We would like to present to you what we think is a better option to meet these 6 guiding principles.

We tried to determine how Pine MS could be zoned differently to protect the academic successes they have fought so hard to gain in the last few decades, but we also knew that would be the most difficult alternative to implement. We realize that splitting schools goes against the School District's main objective of streamlining kids from ES-HS. We understand that even if you re-zone our middle school there is still a problem with high schools for three years. We have heard Pleasant Valley parents express discontent about being zoned for Arrowcreek and then being moved to Damonte Ranch especially when 25% of their student body has a zoned neighborhood for Depaoli/Damonte.

That lead us to creating a second solution. Zone Huffaker in its entirety to Arrowcreek instead of Pleasant Valley. Huffaker's after school program, Judy's Kids' Club, is run by the same group that runs the Kids' Club at Lenz and Hunsberger. During vacations and summer break, these kids attend the same programs and have built relationships. This option fulfills Guiding Principles 2,4,5, and 6. Knowing that guiding Principle 3 requires that you fill Pine, we suggested that you zone Anderson ES for Pine instead. Anderson is just as close to Pine if not a bit closer and has a similar number of students. We believe that this proposal meets guiding principles 2 and 5 for both Huffaker and Anderson. Administration in charge of the committee took our suggestions into account making alternatives A and C which is Agenda item 2.08. They also created a proposal where Hidden Valley took the place of Huffaker which would even better meet principle #1: safety as it keeps Virginia street a zoning boundary. We greatly appreciated being heard. In the alternative proposals Pleasant Valley is still slated to go to Arrowcreek making the projected numbers in five years seem as if it could not work. We believe this is only the case because you have not considered leaving Brown at Depoali in five years. We would like to see projections from additional alternatives if you either let Pleasant Valley stay at Depaoli/Damonte like they said they preferred while allowing Huffaker to be at Arrowcreek/Galena or move both Huffaker and PV to Arrowcreek and remove Brown from the projected population of Arrowcreek in five years.

I would like this statement to be part of the public record, and I will provide a copy of it to the secretary. Thank you.

3-21-19

Kelly Roper