

HCPS Enrollment Balancing Process

Advisory Team Meeting #7

June 16, 2021 – 5:00-7:30 pm

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- Bloom Planning: Overview of Virtual Meeting Tools (Zoom), review of agenda, review of guiding principles: As a full group, participants discuss refinements and give inputs to elementary and secondary options, making them ready for the next Community Education Forum (CEF); participants review CEF2 high level results.
- Timeline: This is the final Advisory Team meeting. Initially had 7 scheduled, but also added 4b, 5b and 6b for ten total meetings.
- FLO sent a pre-meeting survey for several change areas that we have looked at as a group several times. If the options development team ranked less than three, would bring that are to the meeting. Majority were ranked 3, 4, or 5. Focusing today on remaining Elementary change areas, and reviewing updates to the secondary schools based on transportation review and community feedback.
- Remaining Elementary School change areas:
 - **N-8:** Transportation needed to send Grier Nursery Rd. back for timing, this puts Forest Hill at 99.4% so options development members agreed to send Forest Glen neighborhood to Forest Lakes.
 - **E-5:** Paddock Rd. area, wants to stay at Dublin but E-5, E-7 and E-8 needed to bring Darlington up in attendance, options development members recommend E-5 stays at North Harford MS/HS per community feedback.
 - **CS-4:** As the Advisory Team overall is not making recommendations that leave schools over capacity, one neighborhood does need to leave Ring Factory. Recommend sending CS-4 to Abingdon but flag for review in the fall with new student numbers.
 - **CS-13:** FLO mentions should have been included in pre-meeting survey, one parcel to keep all along Cullum Rd. at Church Creek approved.
 - **SE-2 and SE-4:** Survey responses asking why SE-2 to Meadowvale if SE-4 is going to Havre de Grace. FLO revisited the area and could swap SE-2 for similar number of students in SE-4. Fewer students moving overall. Options development team approved.
 - **Havre de Grace:** Previously sent all of Bulle Rock south of Chapel Rd. back to Havre de Grace, but this put the school up to 102.6% capacity with current (2019) students. FLO had the Advisory Team consider two options for bringing capacity back under 100%. Either send half of Bulle Rock to Roye Williams as was previously proposed, or send all of the north west part of Meadowvale to Roye-Williams and send SE-4 back to Meadowvale. Transportation is similar. Options development team favored sending the northwest part of Meadowvale to RWES (new change area SE-9).
 - **CW-1 & CW-10:** Concern in this area ride times would be too long to Jarrettsville but transportation has addressed these concerns, would be under 45 minutes and some would be similar ride times, and would be going to a Tier 3 school so would get home

earlier. Suggestion to include all west of Grafton Shop Rd. in CW-1. Options development team approved of that change.

- **CW-6 & CW-11 vs CW-8 and new area:** Discussion comparing sending existing CW-6/CW-11 Marywood 1 area to Forest Lakes ES vs. the area east of Rock Spring Rd. and CW-8 to Forest Lakes. Transportation similar. Options development team approved new area to keep Marywood neighborhood together (new change area CW-12).
- **CE-2 & CE-6:** CE-1 needs to move into Prospect Mill ES because Hickory is over/also taking students from Bel Air ES. This meant around 65 students needed to be moved out of Prospect Mill ES to Fountain Green ES. We moved some students to Churchville in CE-6. CE-2 is adjacent to Fountain Green ES but splits the Green Briar Hills neighborhood. Amyclae Estates has 62 students, but would make Green Briar Hills are an “island” instead of being contiguous. Options development team slightly favored sending Amyclae Estates to keep Green Briar Hills together but this does create a non-contiguous area. Neither option was over a “3” rating. FLO is going to look with the executive team one more time to confirm that this is the only other option.
- **Secondary Schools:** Approved MHS-1 (keep), MHS-3 (send back to Bel Air MS) and MHS-11 (keep) in the survey, these had not changed in the new transportation scenario. Remaining 8 change areas to be discussed tonight.
 - **MHS-6, MHS-8 & MHS-14:** Took out Castle Blaney neighborhood from MHS-8, added MHS-14 for transportation purposes (6 students), MHS-6 remains to make “south” Hickory area one feeder into Southampton and free up space at Bel Air. Sent MHS-5 back to Bel Air MS. Options development team approves these change areas.
 - **MHS-7:** Because MHS-5 sent back, had to expand MHS-7 to include Forest Lakes neighborhood all going to Fallston. Discussion around if we could send all of Forest Lakes as one feeder and send some Red Pump students to Bel Air MS. If this is feasible, this was the preferred option, otherwise the options development members agreed on MHS-7. FLO to work with executive team to see if feasible.
 - **MHS-13:** North Harford MS has space and the transportation team reviewed the area that would be the easiest to transport to NHMS along with the MHS-8 change area. MHS-13 was that area, with more Jarrettsville students attending NHMS with their peers (Jarrettsville is a split feeder between NHMS and Fallston MS). If CW-1 boundary is changed then the secondary boundary would also change. Options development team approved this change area.
 - **MHS-2:** Residents are opposed to this change and want to stay at Fallston. The line drawn follows the Joppatowne ES boundary. Already moving 80 students to North Harford on north end of attendance area (MHS-13). MHS-2 area has 26 MS students that need to move out of Fallston to allow MHS-7 (~150 students) students to move out of Bel Air MS attendance area. We cannot move more students to North Harford without running into ride time issues. Options development team approved this change area. High level conversation about the need to go through this process before HCPS would be able to build a new school because there is capacity at some of the schools to take more students. Process helps establish the need for a new school, this Advisory Team process is the first step that HCPS needs to complete before that can happen.

- **MHS-4:** Only change from CEF was to send Willow Chase back to Patterson Mill because there was space for 15 students. Discussion about Homestead Wakefield being a three way split feeder and that not being ideal for the students, and wanting to include the percentages of the split feeders in the final recommendation report. FLO will take one more look with the executive team to see what it would take to create a two-way split for Homestead Wakefield but would likely require moving more students out of existing schools. Options development members approved this change area.
- **MHS-15:** Same area as SE-3, propose sending an area with no current students but planned developments from Havre de Grace to Aberdeen MS. Options development team approved this change area.
- Bloom: Wrap up – Reflection and next steps
 - Final recommendation presentation to the Superintendent on 6/23, Advisory Team members encouraged to attend and participate.