

**NEW EAGLE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
BOUNDARY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
01/14/04**

The New Eagle River High School Boundary Task Force met on Wednesday, January 14, 2004, at 3:30 p.m., in Room 320, at the Anchorage School District Administration Building.

Mike Henry, Executive Director of High School Education chaired the meeting. Mr. Henry began the meeting at 3:30pm by going over the agenda and explaining the process to develop the boundaries.

Introductions were made.

Roger Fiedler, Public Affairs Specialist, indicated that this boundary process is a high profile topic and he anticipates that the media will be interested. The committee may be approached. It is at the committee's discretion to speak to them. The media will be interested in the process, the steps to develop the boundary change and the factors involved in the decision making.

Mr. Henry explained that during these meetings we will map out possible scenarios that will be presented for public comment in March, 2004. After public comment and based on the recommendation of the Task Force, Mr. Henry will then submit this recommendation to the Superintendent by April 2, 2004. The Superintendent will study the recommendation and make her recommendation to the School Board on April 12, 2004.

Two public meetings will be held, one at Bartlett High School, on March 2 and the other at Chugiak High School, on March 9. The general public will be able to provide testimony at these meetings.

The advertisement for the principal of the new Eagle River high school will be advertised during this time and interviews will take place. As soon as the boundaries are established the new principal will be recommended. The principal will start to work on July 1, 2004. That person will hire an Administrative Assistant and a Financial Data Control Clerk. The hiring process will begin for teaching staff, coaching staff and office support staff. A committee will be formed for the naming of the new school. From that point a school mascot, school colors, etc. will be chosen.

A copy of the Revised Boundary Policy was handed out. The selection of the new boundaries are based upon the following:

- School capacity
- Geographic proximity
- Distance to school, hazardous conditions
- Future growth projections

No zone exceptions will be approved, with the exception of seniors and special circumstances. Seniors may graduate from their home school. Special circumstances and unique educational programs will be taken into consideration at a later date in determining zone exceptions.

The new school will offer all of the academics that the other high schools offer, and will also have a full athletic program.

Mr. Henry opened up the meeting to discussion and questions of the committee.

The committee brought forward some questions and suggestions.

Mr. Henry asked Ophelia Dargan-Steed, the District Demographer, to prepare and to bring back some scenarios maps to the next boundary task force meeting that is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2004. The meeting will begin at 3:30pm in room 320 of the ASD Ad Building.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.