

**NEW EAGLE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL  
BOUNDARY TASK FORCE  
MEETING MINUTES  
01/28/04**

The New Eagle River High School Boundary Task Force met on Wednesday, January 28, 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 by going over the agenda and talked about what was discussed at the January 22, 2004, meeting, and previous accomplishments. Copies of the January 22 meeting minutes were provided.

Mr. Henry began the meeting asking the members if they have heard any reaction from the community at this point. The consensus from the members is that the reaction has been positive and the community appears curious and is waiting to see what happens with the boundary process. Roger Fiedler from Public Affairs said that the press is also waiting until the District gets further into the process. Mr. Henry asked if there is any reaction from the staff members in the schools. Chugiak High Principal Rick Volk said that with the loss of students there will be a reduction of 22 teachers and there is some concern regarding placement. Bartlett High School will lose 6 or 7 teachers and Principal Mary McKean said that there doesn't seem to be any concern at this time.

Placement of seniors having a choice of which school they would like to attend was brought up. Mr. Henry indicated that there is District Policy that clearly answers that question. It is as follows - section 444.221(d):

High school students who have successfully completed their junior (11<sup>th</sup>) year in a District high school may continue in attendance at the unit during their senior (12<sup>th</sup>) year, if they are expected to graduate that school year, even though their parents or legal guardians may have moved to another school attendance zone in the District prior to the opening of school, or move during the school year. This includes seniors who are impacted by a School Board-approved boundary change.

A question was asked regarding the JROTC program and the how the decision as to which branch of the armed forces is selected. Mr. Henry explained that the decision is usually based on what the community desires and program availability.

Ophelia Dargen-Steed distributed and explained the High School Ethnicity Report.

Mr. Henry presented the 2004/2005 High School Projections and Capacities from the ASD 6-year Plan. The 2005/2006 projections are not available yet. He explained in detail the graph with emphasis on the different totals. The first total is all of the students with the exception of Special Ed L3 students (severely handicapped needing special services); the second total includes the L3 students; the third total is the EED Capacity. EED does not reflect the actual capacity in a school. The number is reached using the total space (square footage) that exists in a building divided by the population of the school. This number is used for state funding. The true capacity number is reached by how many classrooms and seats are available in each class. The 2005 projected EED capacity for NERHS is 800, Chugiak 1582 and Bartlett is 1937.

Mr. Henry moved the discussion to the evaluation of Scenario #4. This scenario is the same as #1 but includes the switchbacks above Hiland Crest Subdivision. The ethnicity with Scenarios #4 is: CHS - 15.9% and NERHS - 24.4%. It also lowers the numbers at CHS and increases enrollment at the NERHS by 30 students. Mr. Henry asked the members of the task force to evaluate #4 in the same manner as the others. The likes/dislikes mirror Scenario 1 and adds inclusion of Hyland Crest. The dislike is that it changes the population balance. The total evaluation number was 172.

Mr. Henry referred to a table showing how each scenario affects the boundaries of the elementary and middle schools. Following is the table for all 4 Scenarios:

Scenario No.	Population/Ethnicity		Cuts across or divides current school attendance zones				
	CHS	NERHS	Gruening	Homestead A	Eagle River	Ravenwood	Alpenglow
1	660/15.6%	1429/25.3%	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
2	709/15.9%	1380/24.0%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
3	625/15.4%	1464/26.2%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
4	689/15.9%	1400/24.4%	Yes	No	No	Yes	No

Two more scenarios were requested for the February 5 meeting. Scenario #5 is to bus Fort Richardson students to CHS and all Ravenwood students to NERHS. Scenario #6 is to be the same as #4 but include Eagle Ridge subdivision to the curve of Eagle River Road.

Mr. Henry asked Ms. Dargan-Steed to prepare a written description for each of the 6 scenarios. He also requested maps of all six scenarios that show the elementary attendance zones.

Linda Schwald said she would create a mileage chart showing the distances from each Eagle River area schools to CHS and NERHS.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.