

**NEW EAGLE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
BOUNDARY TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
02/05/04**

The New Eagle River High School Boundary Task Force met on Thursday, February 5, 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 28, 2004, meeting and previous accomplishments. Copies of the January 28 meeting minutes were provided.

Mr. Henry began the meeting by passing out copies of the maps of scenario 5 and scenario 6. He also passed out a map with the distances from neighborhoods to Chugiak High School and the new Eagle River High School. Linda Schwald with transportation prepared this map.

Mary McKean, principal at Bartlett High School recognized a discrepancy in the ethnicity population percentages in the comparison of Chugiak High School and the new Eagle River High School. The corrected percentage was noted and changed.

Mr. Henry had requested that Ophelia Dargan-Steed redo the area maps to include the elementary school boundaries. Mr. Henry passed those maps around to the committee. Ophelia also prepared the boundary descriptions for scenario 5 & 6.

At the January 28th meeting a questions was asked of the number of Ft. Richardson students enrolled in ROTC. That number is 19 out of 145.

In Scenario 5. Ft. Richardson students would be bussed past the New Eagle River High School to attend Chugiak High School. Ravenwood students would attend the New Eagle River High School.

A correction was noted on Scenario 5, that the total for Chugiak High School should be 1425. Also, the geographical location needs to be added to the table of scenarios.

Mr. Henry asked Linda Schwald if travel should be a major consideration for students. Linda responded that distance or travel should be the main consideration.

The ethnicity breakdown for scenario 5 is 20.0 percent for Chugiak High School and 15.8 percent for the New Eagle River High School.

The ethnicity breakdown for scenario 6 is 16.2 percent for Chugiak High School and 23.2 percent for the New Eagle River High School.

Mr. Henry asked the committee for their likes or dislikes of the scenarios that have been presented.

The following is the consensus:

Scenario 5 – good ethnicity at Chugiak
does not like the Ravenwood split
noncontiguous boundaries

Scenario 6 – likes the straight lines
looks good from a transportation aspect
less impact on bussing.
Dislikes – the numbers are too close to the capacity of the NERHS

Roger Fiedler, Public Affairs asked where the future growth areas are for Eagle River.
Ophelia indicated that it is north Eagle River.

Ophelia stated that the military is in the process of building 208 new homes. They are in the process of doing an overall shift of ranks on base. Based on this there will be more elementary-aged students than the upper grades. The road to the new housing will run next to the hospital. Bartlett will be the closest distance to the new base housing area.

Mr. Henry asked the committee to reject or bring forth each of the scenarios.

Ms. McKean moved to reject scenario 3.
It was seconded by Rick Volk
The reason is the distance. It breaks up boundaries. It received the lowest rating from the group.
Motion passed unanimously. Scenario 3 deleted.

Brian Griggs moved to accept Scenario 4.
It was seconded by Diane Heard
The reason is that it maintains the elementary boundaries well
It has clean logic
It is ethnically sound
The count is in line with the goals
Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McKean moved to reject Scenario 5.
It was seconded by Sue Doherty
Motion passed unanimously.

Jackie Starr moved to accept Scenario 2.
It was seconded by Ms. McKean.
Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Robley moved to reject Scenario 6.
It puts the building capacity to close capacity.
It was seconded by Brian Griggs. Motion passed.

Scott Robley moved to accept Scenario 1.
It was seconded by Diane Heard. Motion passed.

Mr. Henry confirmed that the Boundary Committee will take Scenarios 1, 2 and 4 to the Public meetings scheduled for March 2 & 9.

A motion was made by Mr. Volk to cancel the previously scheduled task force committee meetings on February 11 & 19. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Henry explained that the scenarios approved by the committee would be taken to the two public hearings for public comment on March 2 and March 9.

Mr. Henry asked the task force members to attend these public meetings to hear the public testimony

Mr. Henry explained that the public meetings will be recorded and transcribed.

Mr. Henry will attend meetings at some Eagle River schools to present information and to answer questions pertaining to the New Eagle River Area High School.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.