

CHS Community Council minutes 3-1-22

In attendance: Greg Wilking, Clarke Nelson, Ashley Gray, Tracey Arlen, Lea Smith, Marci Olson, Cathy McDonald, Adam Wilkins, Terri Roylance, Teresa Olsen, Craig Stauffer, Robyn Ivins, Michelle Luker, Julie Jackson, Amanda Rogers, Chris Julian, Gayna Breeze, Ben Horsey, Steve Hogan

Steve Hogan from the director of boundaries and planning came to present information about the process the district is going through to determine the best plan for our district. Rumors are circulating that Cottonwood is closing - that is not going to happen.

The boundary study is to see how to maintain 3 strong high school on the east side of the district. Davis Demographics was hired to do a study of GSD, They are a company that makes predictions about enrollment. The GSD is getting smaller. 20 years ago there were 78,000 students and now there are 61,000. They believe it will decrease more in the next 5 years and will settle at 55,000-57,000 students in the next 10 years. GSD has the same amount of buildings as when there were 20,000 more students.

Every year the district does boundary studies.

Dec- Feb they vet recommendations and take it to the board. March-May they gather info, attend community council meetings, hold open houses, give out surveys, throw out ideas. June-July they go to the board with general recommendations. August- December the board takes action with implementation the following fall.

August of 2023 is the earliest any changes would take place as a result of the current boundary study.

GSD is bound by state laws - Utah is an open enrollment state, therefore anyone can go to any school as long as there is space in the school, and there is plenty of space in the East side schools.

There are 2 studies going on now.

Van Winkle/700 East study which focuses on elementary schools

The PAC (population analysis committee) is studying the potential consolidation of 1-2 elementary campuses along this corridor to help shore up the populations in remaining schools. Three schools in this region have enrollment below 300 students.

East side high school study (Skyline, Olympus, Cottonwood)

Because of changes to boundaries over the past several years (including the loss of the Taylorsville portion), plus overall population decline in our district, Cottonwood High School has gone from 2,000+ students to approximately 1,600 students. Back when the Cottonwood Network was implementing grade reconfiguration, it was expressed that once this area had fully transitioned to a K-5, 6-8, 9-12 configuration we would look at studying these boundaries to ensure all high schools in the area have a robust boundary.

1200 of the 1600 students who attend Cottonwood live in the CHS boundary.

212 permit to Olympus, 176 permit to Skyline.
12% of GSD students attend charter schools.

The district has an FAQ section on their website as well as a button to click to give feedback.
<https://www.graniteschools.org/planning/population-analysis-studies/faq/>

This presentation took the full hour. Terri is going to email the action items to the council and they will reply with approvals or questions.