

Public Meeting 12/11/2014 Summary

On Wednesday, December 11, a Public Meeting was held in the Governing Board Room to inform the community about the proposed boundary changes in Dysart. During the meeting, the same information that was presented to the Governing Board on Dec. 4th, was presented. Afterwards, time was given for public comments. The meeting time allocated did not afford time for everyone to speak; therefore, an email address was provided for the attendees to ask questions or make comments.

To summarize the comments from the meeting and from the emails, the following information is provided:

Crystal Springs: This is a small neighborhood close to White Tank Foothills. The 10 to 15 students who live in this community currently attend Mountain View Elementary and under the boundary plan being recommended would attend Luke Elementary starting in 2014. It was originally intended in the revised boundary plan that current students in that area not be affected by the boundary change, rather only the un-developed lands are included in the new boundaries. The parents in this neighborhood have requested they be allowed to continue to attend MVE.

Waddell: There is an older neighborhood of acre lots that reside immediately east of Mountain View Elementary. The 10 to 15 students in this neighborhood would be reassigned to attend Sonoran Heights School. Some parents have asked if their children can continue to attend MVE.

Proposal: It will be proposed that the students in these two neighborhoods be grandfathered in at MVE and allowed to open enroll. While the boundary change will not be adjusted, the current students would be allowed to choose to attend MVE or the new boundary school. Given the small number of students in each of these neighborhoods, the impact on MVE would be minimal. These families would have to provide their own transportation if grandfathered under open enrollment.

Copper Canyon Estates: This neighborhood and the area immediately south of Peoria currently include about 65 students who attend Rancho Gabriela School. In the proposed boundary changes, they would be assigned to attend Luke Elementary. While geographically they are the closest residents to Luke, they are closer still to RGS. Parents in this neighborhood have requested permission to continue at RGS.

Proposal: It will be proposed that the students in Copper Canyon be grandfathered in at RGS and allowed to open enroll. While the boundary change will not be adjusted, the current students would be allowed to choose to attend RGS or Luke. Given the relatively small number of students in this area, the impact on RGS would be acceptable. Parents would have to provide their own transportation under open enrollment.

Other comments at the Public Meeting and email included requests for a Bond Election to build a new school immediately, requests for copies of maps, and questions/comments about open enrollment. An information item on the open enrollment process will be provided at the December 18th Board Meeting.

Administration will continue to monitor the boundary email for additional comments and questions.