

**BOUNDARY COMMITTEE MEETING 2**  
**6:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, 2011**  
**District Office, 1432 N. Andover Road**

**Attendees:** Dr. Andy Koenigs, Mark A. Evans, Keturah Austin, Bob Baier, Les Mangus, Nancy Kirkendoll, Julie Clopton, Shari Rooks, Ali Darnell-Nielsen, Kim Bishop, Kaylene Allison, Roger Elliott, Cheryl Hochhalter, Jody Baker, Craig Gray, Jill Hodge, Brett White, Terry Huelskamp, Thane Bulmer, Dr. Linda Hope, Dave Tingley, Amy DeGarmo, Amy Rech, Kim Beliera, JoAnne Wreath

**Minutes:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. New attendees Nancy Kirkendoll, Ali Darnell-Nielsen, and Craig Gray introduced themselves to the group.

Dr. Koenigs noted the two handouts for this evening and asked everyone to look at the contact information, asking members to let him know if information is not correct.

He said meeting information, meeting one minutes and the committee member list are available on the district website, [www.usd385.org](http://www.usd385.org). He added that contact emails will likely be added for committee members as well. Dr. Koenigs also showed where on the district website to find the Boundary Committee information, which is under "District Information." In addition, the committee norms were handed out to attendees in the order in which they were voted.

Dr. Koenigs asked the committee what they are hearing in the community about the boundary study. Several had heard comments and rumors about certain developments being moved or going to be moved.

Dr. Koenigs reminded the committee that as they hear these things, they should please remind them that we are in the very beginning of the process, there is no set answer to what will be recommended to the Board of Education or what they will eventually decide. It is a process with a group of people to work on it, and the website is there and updated as meetings occur. The meetings are also open to the public, as Mr. Evans reminded the people with whom he spoke. The committee and all information are public.

Requests for information: Dr. Koenigs showed a compiled list of everything that was requested from the last meeting. Some are possible, some are not.

Some new questions:

1. Would like to know how many kids live in the district, and how many go to private schools. **Probably not possible to get an exact figure.**
2. Also it was asked if there are 180 homes for sale on the central side, for instance, and all of those sell to families with children, what does that do to our enrollment. **Very hard to predict who is buying houses and their family make-up.**

Dr. Koenigs discussed the cohort survival ratio, the formula the district uses to predict how many students will be in each class in the district each year.

Les noted it's a 15 to 17 year cycle that neighborhoods go through....children, empty nesters, then children again.

Mr. Evans discussed the Butler Community College lease at Andover High School, which expires in 2019. In addition, if we used that portion of the building for students, we wouldn't have enough time to serve everyone lunch. The BCC classrooms are configured differently than AHS classrooms as well. Hallways were not built for 1200 or 1400 students.

Mr. Evans said Maize and Andover are the only closed enrollment districts in the area. Most have open enrollment. Haysville and Goddard recently switched to open enrollment. Some asked to see those policies.

Attendees had asked about grandfathering. Anything is possible at this point, but everything has its consequences. For instance, if only new families in a neighborhood are required to move, then two different bus routes would have to run through the same neighborhood.

### **New Data was Reviewed**

- 2011-12 head count by class, and also by feeder, were shared in graphs.
- Then high school enrollment growth history over the last 6 years was shown for both high schools. Dr. Koenigs noted how slowed growth correlated with the economic decline.
- Then he showed the same information for the middle schools. Roger Elliott asked how firm the numbers were from year to year – if they are here as a freshman, will they be here as a sophomore? Dr. Koenigs said he'll show the cohort formula information next time, though usually, historically, at least until 10<sup>th</sup> grade, there will always be more students in a cohort grade than the previous year.
- Elementary enrollment growth information was also shared for each school. All elementary schools were either stagnant or lost enrollment this past year except for Wheatland Elementary.

Small groups discussed this information for approximately 5-10 minutes. They reported out some of their thoughts:

- It's difficult to see when this will occur, who will be affected. When we recommend this takes affect could have a huge impact on school/class size – if we wait too long.
- There are fewer children in the Kindergarten age group right now.
- Surprised at the one year drop at Prairie Creek Elementary School.
- Why would we want to change something if we don't need to?
- Is it written in stone that there need to be 3 elementary schools feeding each campus?
- It was noted that Butler County neighborhoods are not growing as fast as Sedgwick County. Growth that is occurring is in Sedgwick County instead. Several noted that the reason for this is BCC taxes – which adds more than 18 mills to Butler County tax bills.
- Dr. Koenigs noted there is some new construction in Butler County, for instance Andover Landing, which is in the Cottonwood district. It was noted, however, that these are duplexes for rent
- Equity of socio economic status was discussed. Dr. Koenigs noted that is something that will be looked at and he will provide some information to the committee.
- Neighborhood age became apparent. Fewer elementary students live in neighborhoods in the 15 to 17 year age range.
- Why are the middle schools still growing? Some feel that parents bring their children here from private school when it's time for secondary education.
- The largest classes (6 and 7) would have been in elementary school during the boom years of building in Andover. The K-2 classes in our district are surprising low this year.
- Multi-family housing may be growing in this area in the future, for a variety of reasons.

Dr. Koenigs shared poverty rates by building. The highest poverty rate is Cottonwood with 22% and lowest is Wheatland at 3%. State average is 47%. Most research shows poverty begins to impact student achievement when it is over 40% in a building or school.

City Housing Permits Issued from 1997 to date, by year, were shared for the City of Andover. They reached a high of 211 in 2007 and a low of 62 in 09 and 11. We are hoping to get this information from Sedgwick County as well.

Then the group reviewed each school's neighborhood demographics to discuss potential growth.

Handouts showing potential residential development and student count by grade and neighborhood, as well as average class sizes for the current year and elementary enrollment projections for this year, were handed out.

An outline of Andover city limits on the existing map was requested. Andy will develop this.

It was asked why the discrepancies in class sizes exist between schools. These are averages and some range of class sizes are different due to enrollment and scheduling.

What is our limit for poverty rates by building? How low do we want to keep that in one particular building?

At the next meeting, Dr. Koenigs will provide additional information from the earlier requests, and the group will begin discussing and brainstorming potential options.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 16, at the District Office.

If you have additional requests for information, please let Andy know as soon as possible so we have all the information to work with at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.