

Rescheduled Equity Advisory Council Meeting Minutes April 18, 2023 5:15 PM - 6:45 PM Education Support Center, WebEx Room 2

Members Present:

EAC Members: Annette Dabney, Doris Ricks, John Rury, Katie Prue, Kenneth St. Pierre, Rebekah Gaston, Therese Brink Edgecomb, Travis Tozer

Members Present:

Kiley Luckett, Mental Health Coordinator

The agenda for this meeting was as follows:

- Welcome
- Four Agreements
- Boundary Committee Update
- Discussion/Questions
- Development of Collective Statement
- Upcoming May Meeting Preview

Discussion points:

- The group wants help in understanding the transfer policy and protocol noted transfer requests are going to be key.
- A member asked if there was any assurance that Woodlawn won't close- Answer: Assurance cannot be given.
- Has BAC looked at late start vs early start? Noted this as an issue.
- A member would like number of kids above and below proficiency levels at each building and with new boundaries
- A member asked what busing will be available?
- There was a question on Title 1 funding and how that will change and be used.
- Training for the skills needed to support kids (trauma informed training).
- A member would like the district to look into school wide free meals for students.
- Transfer Process and Website information will take place during the May meeting

Collective Statement from EAC (The statement was shared to the Executive Leadership Team and Dr. Larry Englebrick on Wednesday, April 19, 2023)

While making boundary decisions, the district must prioritize balancing the percentage of students receiving free and reduced lunch. Other resources are required to serve children in need, in addition to equitable boundaries, for example: creating smaller class sizes, providing mental health and Title I supports, strategically placing teachers with trauma-informed training and experience, ensuring safe routes to school, and busing.

Notes by Kiley Luckett