

SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
MINUTES OF THE ELEMENTARY REDISTRICTING SUBCOMMITTEE
November 10, 2020
The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

The meeting began at approximately 7:00pm.

Present: Sandra Fryc [School Committee Chairperson], Jon Wensky [School Committee Vice Chairperson], Joseph Sawyer [Superintendent], Patrick Collins [Asst. Superintendent for Finance and Operations], Bryan Mabie [Principal, Spring Street School], Nicki Grace [Parent Representative, Spring Street School], Tiffany Ostrander [Principal Coolidge School], Terrick Andey [Parent Representative, Beal Early Childhood Ctr.], Christine Jasinski, [Parent Representative, Coolidge School], Rajesh Velagapudi, Floral Street School], Shannon Creedon [Parent Representative, Paton School], Kate Hickey [Vice President AppGeo], Priya Sankalia [Project Manager, AppGeo]

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We began with an introduction of the new Spring Street parent representative, Nicki Grace. Representatives from AppGeo then walked us through a PowerPoint presentation. We spent some time discussing the upcoming calendar and our need to prepare for the upcoming Community Forum.

Committee members reviewed and approved meeting minutes for the January 14, 2020, March 10, 2020, and October 27, 2020 meetings with Nicki Grace abstaining as she was not present.

AppGeo then displayed several preliminary redistricting option scenarios noted as Scenario 1, Scenario 2, and Scenario 3 after which the committee members all provided their feedback. Some feedback included distance of some homes/components to their assigned school and the disparity of students by percentage eligible for free and reduced price lunch with the largest percentage at Coolidge School. Committee members expressed that maintaining a “neighborhood schools” approach was very important. A variety of inquiries/suggestions were made about reassigning components and developing additional options that might better serve the Guiding Principles. It was suggested that creating more components in the Coolidge district may assist in better balancing the socio-economic demographic. Appgeo will take all input under advisement and work on additional options.

It was agreed that it planning was not advanced enough to present specific options at the Community Forum but rather focus on the project rationale, timeline, and technical processes involved.

The meeting then ended at approximately 8:45pm.