

West Valley School District #208

Community Forum Minutes Wednesday, January 17, 2018

After having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 held a Community Forum, on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the library of West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: President Michael Thorner, Mike Meyer, and Mark Strong.

Administrative Staff present: Dr. Mike Brophy, Dr. Peter Finch, and Recording Secretary Lori Jones.

Community and Staff Members Present: Chris Nesmith, Rhonda Hutton, Eva Lust, Brenda Seversen, Kaytee Becerra, Dawne Hyde, Mayra Juarez, Eduardo Sedano, Christine Champie, Casey Champie, Cecilia Oberlander, Sherry Adams, Rebekah Smith, Kelly Hede, Stephen Robertson, Melissa Vicente, David Seversen, Jessica Santoy, Heidi Sutton, Cathy Warren, Jeremy Cox, Maegen Otterstein, Henri Otterstein, Sally Schlect, Cassandra Labes, Abby Stuck, Chris Treat, Leslee Hebdon, Dawn Perez, Sarah Littleton, Derek Birley, Amy Osborn, Kim Collier, Jerry Prescott, Ryan Mathews, Rebekah Olden, Susan Olden, Chrystal Diciara, Donald Diciara, Chris Corry, Michael Moore, Danielle Crawford, Charene Cluff, Casey Poor, Kate Rutger, Nick Hartman, Heidi Mochel, Tausha Stapleton, Tiffany Williams, Laura Ridd, Tim Goff.

6:30 p.m. Open House

Principals were available to speak with parents and show the maps of the proposed Elementary Attendance Areas Recommendations. The maps displayed the neighborhoods affected by the proposed boundary changes.

Call to Order: At 7:00 p.m., President Michael Thorner called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Michael Thorner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

Welcome

President Thorner outlined what has transpired since spring 2017 regarding plans to address the growing needs of West Valley elementary schools. He thanked community members for their attendance and noted the meeting was for them to address the Board. Mr. Thorner stated that a final decision will not be determined tonight. The board will make a final decision at the January 22, 2018 Board Meeting.

Dr. Brophy presented a video showing where the new district boundaries will be located. The redistribution between neighborhoods will help accommodate current and projected growth.

Community members Casey Poor, Chris Corry, Derek Birley, Chris Treat, Melissa Vicente, Stephen Robertson, Heidi Mochel, Maegen Otterstein, Michael Moore, Kaytee Becerra, Tim Goth, Jessica Santoy shared their stories, expressed their frustrations, and asked questions about the proposed boundary changes.


Public Forum Summary

President Michael Thorner, Mike Meyer, and Mark Strong thanked the parents for their time and input on the boundary recommendations.

Adjournment followed at 8:36 p.m.



Michael Brophy, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President