

School Community Council Meeting  
November 2, 2017  
Golden Fields Elementary

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**SCHOOL BOUNDARIES**

Presentation by Brad Sorensen

Potential Schools effected: Eastlake current enrollment is 1030 students (full), Golden Fields current enrollment is 708 (capacity is 955), Daybreak current enrollment is 675, and Welby (no numbers given during the meeting)

Process: 1) Boundary options are researched and developed by District staff; 2) Patron input gathered electronically; 3) Open houses held and patron feedback is evaluated. Any needed adjustments are made; 4) Recommendation presented to the board; 5) Boundaries are approved by the Board.

What is the role of SCC members? "To foster awareness of the process in the community and act as a contact for those who have questions about the process."

Factors considered in creating boundary options:

-School capacity

-Feeder system alignment

-Input from parents, students, community

- Long-term implications
- Natural Boundaries
- Feasibility and functionality
- Cost
- Enrollment growth

### **JSD's Current Timeline**

**Oct 10, 2017:** Board meeting held to discuss the potential boundary changes in the district.

**October-November:** Meetings held with individual School Community Councils

**November 14, 2017:** Initial options presented to Board of Education

**November-December:** Communications go out to the effected patrons via letter, website postings, newsletters, Skyward alerts, and etc.

**November - December 2017:** Boundary info and opportunities for input collected from the public

**January 2018:** Board will hold public hearings. At the end of the month, the board will approve new boundaries. It is possible that a boundary change will be postponed for another year- it depends on the feedback that is received from the public and the best interests of the schools involved.

*Note: Bryce Dunford left the meeting before the Q&A began. His comments to the council before leaving the meeting were to help parents be informed and to help keep them "calm".*

### **Q & A**

#### ***Will middle school and high school boundaries be taken into consideration when elementary school boundaries are being decided?***

Yes. The Jordan School District understands that where children attend elementary school and where they are assigned to attend middle school and high school has an impact on them, especially socially. With growth, it's difficult to predict where kids will attend a few years down the road. Currently, two new elementary schools are being built in Bluffdale and Herriman, as the growth in both areas is rapid. West Jordan Middle School is currently being rebuilt to be much larger. A new middle school will open in Daybreak in 2019-20 school year, as well as a new High School in Herriman (located at 145th South, east of Mountain View Corridor). The JSD will try not to ruin any pre-teen lives when making boundary decisions. ;- ) The best way to help your child attend the school of your choice is to be an active participant during the decision making process over the course of the next few months.

#### ***Is going back to year round school an option that is being considered as a remedy for overcrowding in schools?***

Based on the feedback that was received during the last survey, a traditional school schedule is what is preferred. What the district is discussing is moving schools to a modified traditional schedule ("Early Bird/Later Gator" plan). Half the student body attends earlier in the day for 75 minutes, then the entire student body attends in the middle of the day, and the other half of the student body attends for 75 minutes later in the day. Pilot schools in the district currently using this program have been successful and, for the most part, well received. The primary benefit to this schedule option is that it would still allow for a traditional schedule and that classroom sizes are smaller for 75 minute segments earlier and later in the day. Some council members were still concerned as to how this schedule is benefiting students from an educational standpoint... discussion to be continued if further plans are made in this direction.

***Eastlake's boundaries aren't really growing any more (or not as rapidly- spaces for new homes are limited), but Golden Fields boundaries still have lots of potential for growth. Wouldn't it be foolish to push more students to Golden Fields when we could potentially hit capacity in a year or two?***

Jordan School District can't build schools fast enough to keep up with the demand. For example, Bluffdale and Herriman Elementary schools have several portables in use just trying to keep up. Schools in Daybreak cannot have more than 4 portables- hence the reason Golden Fields was built before the schools in the south end of the valley. Daybreak Elementary also has a lower enrollment than originally projected. Predicting enrollment is a challenging thing to have to deal with. JSD is looking to the future... the district owns land (90 acres) west of Mountain View Corridor. A school(s) will be built there eventually. Also "Village 8" in Daybreak is currently assigned to attend the new school in Herriman, Bastian Elementary. The Chinese program at Eastlake could possibly move to another school to cut down the enrollment- options are being discussed. Rest assured, the district doesn't want to see kids bounce around to different schools every couple of years. Note: During the open enrollment window, Principal Hansen has to take kids into Golden Fields until the school reaches capacity (955 students).

***When Golden Fields' name was being selected, a survey was sent out to patrons in the area. Unfortunately, the survey results were not taken into consideration. As a result, our school community is wary of any decisions that the school district makes. The district has lost our trust. How do we rebuild trust in the school district again? Do you really care what we have to say?***

As for naming of the school, contact the area representative, Bryce Dunford (contact information noted above). He made the decision about the naming of the school. Note: His term is up in 2020.

To answer your other question, YES, the district does want your input. It is the reason we send out surveys and have open houses and public meetings. Whether you voice your concerns in person or over the internet (e-mail, survey response)... We do read EVERY comment and value your opinions and concerns. We listen to what you have to say at public hearings and open houses. We definitely want your input! It's in the district's best interest to listen to what you have to say. Please encourage those in the community to be involved in these decisions.

### **SCC FUNDRAISER**

Ideas were tossed around for fundraisers... The council is interested in doing a Rubber Duck Derby with the option of a meal at the end of a race. Details have not been worked out. But essentially, a rubber ducky would be numbered and sold. Families are invited to purchase 1 or more of the rubber duckies. Ducks are raced (in heats) down the creek (starting at Brookside Park and ending near the green space at Lake Avenue). Discussion of a Duck Trophy to be displayed in the case at the school as well as a trophies/prizes given to winners to take home. Food available for purchase after the derby. More details to come after we have received approval from the Daybreak Community Council.

Goal: To raise \$7000 to promote safety and well-being at Golden Fields Elementary

The SCC would like to raise funds to promote safety in the community. RadKids was discussed as a potential curriculum to be used. However, due to cost (upwards of \$8000) and limited opportunities for RadKids training, we would like to explore creating our own safety program- not limited to just

“stranger danger”, but a broader safety program encompassing pedestrian safety, internet safety, bullying, and any other safety needs for the Golden Fields community.

Before we can proceed with planning this fundraiser, we need to contact Daybreak Community Council to see if it is a possibility to use the creek as a “rubber ducky vessel”. Will it be turned on by May?

**Potential Assignments for the Fundraiser**

Food- Ryan and Stephanie Murray

Logistics of the Derby- Alissa Udy and Katie Webb

Donations/Prizes/Sponsorship- Emily Rock and Beth Pollock

Safety Program Research- Kyle Hansen

Next meeting:

February 21st at 3:45 PM in the Conference Room