

2009 Attendance Area Adjustment Committee  
Meeting #6  
September 1, 2009

Summary

The sixth meeting of the 2009 Attendance Area Adjustment Committee (AAAC) began at approximately 7:15 PM. Mr. Joel Gallihue Manager, School Planning, opened the meeting.

Staff members in attendance:

Mr. Joel Gallihue, Manager of School Planning  
Jennifer Bubenko, Planning Specialist

Committee members in attendance:

Kemi Adetunji	Jennifer LaStova
Marie desJardins	Jill McLeigh
Jonathan England	Rita Morsberger
Lynne Ensor	Mary Jo Neil
Ayeola Fortune	Jon E. Offley

Committee members not in attendance:

Vernon "Ron" Brade  
Theodore D. Wimberly, Sr.

Handouts

At the beginning of the meeting, the committee members received copies of all [boundary@hcpss.org](mailto:boundary@hcpss.org) correspondence received between 8/19/09 and 9/1/09 compiled into a single PDF.

Administrative

The majority of the group voted to avoid overlapping next week's meeting with "Back to School Night." The meeting start time is changed from 7:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Presentation

Mr. Gallihue presented the overall Attendance Area Adjustment process with the AAAC and the public. He explained that this particular meeting will be focused on the Woodmark Triangle Area. He planned for a brief break mid-meeting and a short amount of time before the end of the meeting for questions on topics other than the Woodmark Triangle Area.

Plans that were discussed include:

**Staff Plan (as seen in Feasibility Study)**

Moves an estimated 42 students from Mount View MS to Folly Quarter MS  
Improves feed from Folly Quarter MS to Marriotts Ridge HS (3.2% → 10.8%)  
Creates a small West Friendship ES to Folly Quarter MS feed (0% → 8.2%)  
Leaves River Hill HS capacity to accept students from Reservoir HS, if necessary  
Improves capacity utilization at Folly Quarter MS and Mount View MS

**F09wdmk8 (provided by members of the Woodmark Community)**

Moves an estimated 39 students from Marriotts Ridge HS to River Hill HS  
Only affects Woodmark Triangle Area  
Removes feed from Folly Quarter MS to Marriotts Ridge HS (3.2% → 0%)  
Does not help utilization percentage at Folly Quarter MS and Mount View MS  
Slightly worsens capacity utilization at Marriotts Ridge HS

**F09wdmk9 (provided by members of the Woodmark Community)**

Moves an estimated 39 students from Marriotts Ridge HS to Glenelg HS  
Only affects Woodmark Triangle Area  
Removes feed from Folly Quarter MS to Marriotts Ridge HS (3.2% → 0%)  
Does not help utilization percentage at Folly Quarter MS and Mount View MS  
Slightly worsens capacity utilization at Marriotts Ridge HS

**F09wdmka (provided by members of the Woodmark Community)**

Moves an estimated 92 students from Mount View MS to Folly Quarter MS  
Creates small feed from Manor Woods ES to Folly Quarter MS (0% → 14.8%)  
Decreases Bushy Park ES to Folly Quarter feed (14.4% → 12.2%)  
Increases feed from Folly Quarter MS to Marriotts Ridge HS (3.2% → 12.4%)  
Leaves River Hill HS capacity to accept students from Reservoir HS, if necessary  
Improves capacity utilization at Folly Quarter MS and Mount View MS

**F09wdmkb (provided by members of the Woodmark Community)**

Moves an estimated 187 students from Mount View MS to Folly Quarter MS  
Creates small feed from Manor Woods ES to Folly Quarter MS (0% → 12.7%)  
Creates small feed from West Friendship ES to Folly Quarter MS (0% → 14.5%)  
Decreases Bushy Park ES to Folly Quarter feed (14.4% → 10.4%)  
Leaves River Hill HS capacity to accept students from Reservoir HS, if necessary  
Improves capacity utilization at Folly Quarter MS and Mount View MS

**F09wdmkc (created by AAAC)**

Moves an estimated 39 students from Marriotts Ridge HS to River Hill HS  
Moves an estimated 76 students from Mount View MS to Folly Quarter MS  
Creates NEW feed from Folly Quarter MS to Marriotts Ridge HS (3.2% → 7.7%)  
Slightly worsens capacity utilization at Marriotts Ridge HS  
Improves capacity utilization at Folly Quarter MS and Mount View MS  
Fixing the new small feed requires moving the same students to River Hill HS  
Moving more students into River Hill HS leaves less capacity for future needs  
from Reservoir HS

**F09wdmkd (provided by members of Woodmark Community without FS moves)**

Evolved from F09wdmk6  
Moves an estimated 70 students from Manor Woods ES to Triadelphia Ridge ES  
Moves an estimated 10 students from Glenelg HS to Marriotts Ridge HS  
Moves an estimated 88 students from River Hill HS to Marriotts Ridge HS  
Creates small feed from Triadelphia Ridge ES to Mount View MS (0% → 5.4%)  
Creates small feed fr Burleigh Manor MS to Marriotts Ridge HS (15.6% → 14.5%)  
Creates small feed from Folly Quarter MS to Marriotts Ridge HS (3.2% → 9.8%)  
Slightly improves capacity utilization at Manor Woods ES (keeps school under  
110% for one year longer)  
Improves capacity utilization at Triadelphia Ridge ES  
Slightly improves capacity utilization at Marriotts Ridge ES (still not 90%)

Slightly worsens capacity utilization at River Hill MS (drops below 90%)

**F09wdmke**

Moves an estimated 92 students from Mount View MS to Folly Quarter MS

Moves an estimated 10 students from Glenelg HS to Marriotts Ridge HS

Moves an estimated 88 students from River Hill HS to Marriotts Ridge HS

Lessens already small feed from Bushy Park ES to FQMS (14.4% → 12.2%)

Creates small feed from Manor Woods ES to Folly Quarter MS (0% → 14.8%)

Creates small feed from Burleigh Manor MS to MRHS (15.6% → 14.5%)

Improves feed from Folly Quarter MS to Marriotts Ridge MS (3.1% → 18.5%)

Improves capacity utilization at Folly Quarter MS

Improves capacity utilization at Mount View MS

Slightly improves capacity utilization at Marriotts Ridge ES (still not 90%)

Slightly worsens capacity utilization at River Hill MS (drops below 90%)

**F09wdmkf (also known as fs09wdmk) (created by AAAC in 9/1/09 Meeting)**

Created from F09wdmkc

Moves an estimated 141 students from Marriotts Ridge HS to River Hill HS

Moves an estimated 76 students from Mount View MS to Folly Quarter MS

(The 76 MS students moved are included in the 141 moved at the HS level)

Worsens capacity utilization at Marriotts Ridge HS

Improves capacity utilization at Folly Quarter MS and Mount View MS

Removes small feed Folly Quarter MS to Marriotts Ridge HS (3.2% → 0%)

Decreases small feed from Bushy Park ES to Folly Quarter MS (14.4% → 12.6%)

Small feed from Manor Woods ES to Folly Quarter MS (0% → 12.1%)

This could help leave space for Marriotts Ridge HS to alleviate overcrowding at Centennial HS, if needed

Moving more students into River Hill HS leaves less capacity for future needs from Reservoir HS

Additional Comments on the Woodmark Triangle Area:

- It is important to distinguish the different types of plans that have been presented:

\* Plans that fix the small feed of the Woodmark Triangle Area

~ f09wdmk8

~ f09wdmk9

\* Plans that fix the feed of the Woodmark Triangle Area AND the MVMS high capacity utilization

~ f09wdmka

~ f09wdmkb

~ f09wdmkc

~ f09wdmkd

~ f09wdmke

~ f09wdmkf

- If a plan to fix the small feed in the Woodmark Triangle Area by redistricting the students away from Marriotts Ridge HS, it may be difficult to meet the guidelines of Policy 6010 in the long term (i.e. resolving the capacity utilization at Mount View MS without creating a new small feed or re-redistricting students too soon.)

- Plan f09wdmkd only resolves Mount View MS's high capacity utilization for one year according to the current projections.
- Other than redistricting the Woodmark Triangle Area to another high school, the only plan that actually increases the Folly Quarter MS to Marriotts Ridge HS feed to 15% is f09wdmke. (Note that f09wdmkf completely removes the feed from Folly Quarter MS to Marriotts Ridge HS.)
- f09wdmka and the staff plan are the only ones that move students at the middle school level only.
- The committee discussed each plan and identified which plans had a stronger consensus. The AAAC determined that the staff plan, f09wdmk9, f09wdmkb, and f09wdmkd were less desirable plans than f09wdmk8, f09wdmka, f09wdmkc, f09wdmke, and f09wdmkf.
- The goal of staff's Woodmark Triangle Area plan is to remove the open enrollment option at River Hill HS by improving the feed from Folly Quarter MS to Marriotts Ridge HS. There are different ways that this can be accomplished. The only other area with an open enrollment policy (Greenbridge Area) is also under consideration during this year's redistricting process. Currently, there is no policy that states that open enrollment should not exist. Citizens living outside of these two areas question why they do not have the same option to open enroll in another school.
- One perception about f09wdmka arose. If redistricted in 2011, the geography outlined in f09wdmka would seem to have been redistricted four times at the middle school level since 2003. In fact the polygons associated with f09wdmka were moved from Mount View MS to Folly Quarter MS in 2003 and then back to Mount View MS in 2006. Because there are three years at this level, the redistricting was timed to prevent moving any students more than once at that level. Such would be the case with a redistricting in 2011.

Comments on the long-term plans presented in the Feasibility Study:

- Citizens from the Montgomery Meadows neighborhood are concerned with the long-term plans in the Feasibility Study that redistrict their neighborhood at the elementary school level in 2011. Mr. Gallihue offered to meet with representative(s) from their group to discuss alternative plans.
- The AAAC was not instructed of any plans or redistricting moves that were "off limits" or unacceptable. The AAAC was provided the Feasibility Study, the Policy, maps and tasked to consider staff's plan, and any other options, that would resolve the two open enrollment areas in the county. The AAAC may discuss long-term planning if time suffices at the end of the aforementioned discussion.
- One key piece of the student projection is the housing projection provided by Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning. Development of the housing projection is guided by the Howard County General Plan.
- The projection that is used in the 2009 Feasibility Study and with the current AAAC was developed in 2009.
- A concern about the actual need to relieve Mount View MS arose. If the projections are not accurately depicting the economic downturn, they may be over estimating the future student population at Mount View MS.

- Comprehensive plans could move over 2,000 students. The illustrative Scenario 3 from the 2008 Feasibility Study moved approximately 11,000 students.
- The newest projections are estimating the need for a new Western Middle School (potential site at Route 40 and Marriottsville Road) in the 2020's. Previous projections were estimating the need in earlier years.

Committee Members requested:

- Redistricting history for plans proposed.
- Maps for each plan
- Tables with the affect each plan has on the policy considerations

The meeting ended at about 9:25 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM in Room B37 in the Application and Research Laboratory. The discussion on the Woodmark Triangle Area will continue, and, if time permits, the long range plan will be discussed.