

QCSD Redistricting Committee Meeting

District Services Center, 100 Commerce Drive, Quakertown, PA 18951

Minutes, November 4, 2014, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

All committee members were present along with approximately seven members of the general public. Dr. Harner, Superintendent, Nancianne Edwards, Assistant Superintendent, Bob Riegel, Business Manager, and Bob Schoch, Consultant were also in attendance.

The Committee addressed several logistical matters regarding posting and handouts of informational items, the role of the committee compared to the administration and school board, and videotaping of the meeting.

Ms. Edwards explained that the primary objective of the committee is to address concerns raised by community members in January 2014 regarding some Open Areas in the district where students are assigned to a number of schools instead of a neighborhood school. She explained that the committee is making a recommendation to the administration and school board and that the decision needs to be made by the end of February 2015 in order to allow time for implementation.

Mr. Schoch showed a presentation discussing the various objectives and related information. After discussion and input from the general public, the committee established individual priorities for the objectives that were compiled and ranked.

The committee and members of the general public discussed various related issues such as proposed residential development, the excess capacity of elementary schools, the requirements regarding special education facilities, and other factors.

The committee asked a variety of questions and then established several redistricting options to be prepared for the next meeting at which time the committee will evaluate how will each option meets the objectives. The options are: 1) Divide the existing Open Areas and transfer students from a neighborhood to a single elementary school; 2) Assign students to their closest school; and 3) Assign entire Open Areas to nearby schools and makes other minor adjustments as drawn on a map by committee members.