

March 6, 2023

NSD Middle School Redistricting Committee

Monday, March 6, 2023 @3:30 pm, Nashua HS North BOE/Lecture Hall

with NSD consultant, Preston Smith, Owner, Business Information Services, LLC

Meeting Minutes

Committee members present:

Dan Alexander NSD Special Education, Interim Director

Mario Andrade NSD Superintendent of Schools

Jennifer Bishop President, Nashua Board of Education Carrie Charette Elm Street Middle School, Principal **Sharon Coffey** Fairgrounds Middle School, Principal Sarah A. Desaulniers Pennichuck Middle School, Teacher Cassandra Desfosses Elm Street Middle School, Teacher Sam Durfee City of Nashua Planning Director Gabe Falzarano Pennichuck Middle School, Principal Cherrie Fulton Dr. NW Crisp Elementary School, Principal

Jonathan Foster NSD Data Analyst

Stacy Hynes NSD Director, Communications

Shoshanna Kelly Nashua Board of Alderman, Aldermen At-Large

Ed Lecius Community Member, former NPD Community Policing Coordinator

Matthew Poska NSD Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools

Denise Rock-O-Hara Elm Street Middle School, Teacher Loren Schorf-Thibeault Joy Simeone Pennichuck Middle School, Teacher Rosmery Torres Elm Street Middle School, Parent

Agenda

Introduction of Mr Smith: Dr. Andrade introduced Preston Smith of Business Information Resources, the consultant NSD hired to help develop a redistricting plan. Mr. Smith introduced himself, explaining his professional background. Mr. Smith thanked the Committee for their focused sub-committee work, providing equal voice in discussing many, many scenarios for redrawing boundary lines for the three middle schools, and eventually coming to consensus collectively to present today five possible scenarios for the entire Committee to consider. Mr. Preston reminded the Committee that all preliminary work remains in confidence until ready to seek community input later in the process.

Review of Five Scenarios: Dr. Andrade asked the group members to view five scenarios, which were reprinted on poster board for easy viewing, and to use post-it notes to share pro/con comments on each of the five scenarios. Dr. Andrade read the comments for each scenario that led to the elimination of three of the scenarios. Dr. Andrade then led the Committee through another round of discussion, and eventually the consensus of the Committee was to move forward with presenting Group D Scenario 2 to the community for additional feedback. Dr. Andrade thanked the Committee members for their timely efforts and commitment to this preliminary process in redrawing the middle school boundary lines.