



January 31, 2023  
NSD Middle School Redistricting Committee  
Meeting Minutes

Redistricting Committee held Tuesday, January 31, 2023 @3:30 pm  
Nashua HS South Media Center, In Person but via Zoom with Mr. Smith

**Committee members present:**

Dan Alexander	NSD Special Education, Interim Director
Mario Andrade	NSD Superintendent of Schools
Jared Barbosa	Fairgrounds Middle School, Guidance Counselor
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 Aldermen, Alderman At-Large
Ed Lecius	Community Member, former NPD Community Policing Coordinator
Matthew Poska	NSD Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools
Dave Rauseo	NSD Director, Transportation
Denise Rock-O-Hara	Elm Street Middle School, Teacher
Loren Schorf-Thibeault	Fairgrounds Middle School, Parent
Rosmery Torres	Elm Street Middle School, Parent

**Agenda**

**Introduction:** Dr. Andrade introduced Preston Smith of Business Information Resources, the consultant NSD has hired to develop a redistricting plan. Mr. Smith gave an overview of his work, in particular talking about how not to initiate a redistricting plan with a committee. Toward that end, Mr. Smith wanted to be sure that the Committee understood that it is a working committee whose preliminary work remains in confidence until ready to seek community input later in the process. To accomplish the work, he explained committee members will be broken into sub-committees who will meet at least two or three times with him during February to develop several possible redistricting plans. The subcommittees provide equal voice and greater opportunity among committee members to share their thoughts on redrawing middle school boundaries.

Mr. Smith asked committee members to focus on developing a redistricting plan that balances enrollment between the three middle schools, using two criteria: free/reduced lunch percentages and travel distance. He also asked members to value the importance of being a member who is ...

1. Selfless because you are representing NSD as a whole
2. Cooperative
3. Committed to Confidentiality

**Establishment of Subcommittees:** Mr. Poska broke the committee into four subcommittees to work out a meeting schedule this month to meet via Zoom with Mr. Smith. The goal of the work this month is to bring back one, two, or several possible redistricting plans to share at the end of the month with the larger committee. The essence of the work is to troubleshoot all the possible nuances of new boundary lines for the middle schools.

Mr. Smith will be coordinating Zoom meeting links. If you have questions, Mr. Smith can be reached this month any day except February 22 at [pvsmith@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pvsmith@sbcglobal.net).

If you need to doublecheck your subcommittee's meeting schedule, please email Melissa Weikle at [weiklem@nashua.edu](mailto:weiklem@nashua.edu).

**Next Redistricting Committee Meeting:** TBA soon but anticipated in early March 2023, following completion of the four subcommittee meetings in February.