



March 28, 2023

NSD Elementary School Redistricting Committee

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 @3:30 pm, Nashua HS South Library/Media Center

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

### Meeting Minutes

#### **Committee members present:**

Thomas Adamakos	Principal, Amherst Street Elementary School
Dan Alexander	NSD Special Education, Interim Director
Erin Anderson	Principal, Sunset Heights Elementary School
Mario Andrade	NSD Superintendent of Schools
Patricia Beaulieu	Principal, Charlotte Avenue Elementary School
Amanda Cirrone	Principal, Mount Pleasant Elementary School
Cathy Cornwall	Teacher, New Searles Elementary School
Emma DeLanoy	Parent, New Searles Elementary School
Missy DiMeo	Teacher, New Searles Elementary School
Jeanie Duval	Teacher, New Searles Elementary School
Patty Flynn	Teacher, Fairgrounds Elementary School
Michael Harrington	Principal, Fairgrounds Elementary School
Paula Johnson	Member, Nashua Board of Education
Maura McIntyre	Teacher, Mount Pleasant Elementary School
Diane Merchant	Teacher, Mount Pleasant Elementary School
Chas Miller	Principal, Ledge Street Elementary School
Erin O'Connor	Teacher, New Searles Elementary School
Meg Peterson	Assistant Principal, Dr. Norman W. Crisp Elementary School
Danielle Pliska	Parent, New Searles Elementary School
Matthew Poska	NSD Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools
Jennifer Ryan	Teacher, Paraeducator, Amherst Street Elementary School
Kimberly Sarfde	NSD Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools
Alyse Savage	Nashua HS North Parent and Realtor, Pat Clancey Realty
Laura Short	Teacher, Mount Pleasant Elementary School
Helayne Talbott	Principal, New Searles Elementary School
Tanya Teeboom	Principal, Birch Hill Elementary School
Nichole Warshafsky	Parent, Mount Pleasant Elementary School

#### **Agenda**

**Introduction and Overview of Committee Purpose:** Dr. Andrade introduced Preston Smith of Business Information Resources, the consultant the Nashua Board of Education has hired to develop a redistricting plan. Mr. Smith gave an overview of his professional work experience, and, in particular, talked about how best to approach reviewing boundary lines. 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. He explained committee members will be broken into sub-committees that will meet at least two or three times with him during April to develop several possible redistricting scenarios. The subcommittees provide equal voice and greater opportunity among committee members to share their thoughts on redrawing elementary school boundaries.

Mr. Smith asked committee members to propose elementary zones that fit cleanly within the middle school zones. He said boundaries should make sense and be contiguous, moving a minimal number of students. He also added that the free/reduced percentage of the Title I schools should not drop below 46% so that they can maintain their status.

Mr. Smith again reiterated that the work of the committee remains in confidence, and reminded members that advocacy for any one school is not what the committee is all about because you are serving on behalf of the entire school district.

Establishment of Subcommittees: Committee members were broken into four subcommittees to work out a meeting schedule to meet with Mr. Smith before vacation week at the end of April. The goal of the work is to bring back one, two, or several possible redistricting plans to share with the whole committee.

Melissa Weikle of the Assistant Superintendent's Office will be emailing committee members to confirm the subcommittee meeting schedule; subcommittee meetings will take place via a teleconferencing service with Mr. Smith.