

PARADSE VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

FINAL FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The district governing board approved these recommendations at its Dec. 16, 2010, meeting.

District administration conducted two public information meetings in November 2010 to provide information and obtain feedback on the recommendations.

Boundary Changes Recommended for 2011-12

Pinnacle & Horizon High Schools

Make Union Hills Drive the new southern boundary for Pinnacle High School east of Tatum Boulevard. This area will become the Horizon High School attendance area.

Explorer & Sunrise Middle Schools

Make Union Hills Drive the new northern boundary for Sunrise Middle School. Foothills and Copper Canyon elementary school students will attend Sunrise Middle School in Fall 2011.

Elementary Schools

New School

A new elementary school is recommended to alleviate overcrowding at Wildfire Elementary School. The new school will be built in the Fireside subdivision and would open in fall 2012. The proposed attendance area will be provided to the Board no later than November 3, 2011.

Small Schools

The recommendation sets guidelines to improve the efficiency and effectiveness in the operation of elementary schools. Consolidation, redrawing boundaries or repurposing a school would only be considered if the school community cannot take action to become more efficient.

Schools with enrollment below 443 must develop a plan to increase enrollment or mitigate inefficiencies; when enrollment falls below 375 the school will be closed or repurposed.

Mitigation steps

Examples of steps a school or schools can take to mitigate enrollment below 443:

- Multi-age classes
- Combine two schools and make one K-3 and the other 4-6
- Increase enrollment with a program that draws students.

The action plan must include an ongoing process of evaluation to ensure the school meets efficiency and equity standards of the district.

The action plan must be created and presented to the Governing Board no later than May 2011. Progress will be measured at the 40th day of school in the 2012-13 school year and if greater than 375 and the school has taken steps to mitigate the inefficiency, it will remain as is and will be monitored for continued signs of progress. If enrollment is less than 375 the school would be closed or repurposed starting in fall 2013.

Transition Issues

- Currently enrolled students have the option of staying at their current school until they promote/graduate.
- Siblings are given priority to open enroll at the school their sibling attends.
- Transportation for Explorer 7th graders and current Pinnacle High School students will continue until they leave that school.
- Other students may use transportation on a space-available basis.
- Current 6th graders at Copper Canyon or Foothills elementary schools have priority for open enrollment to Explorer Middle School.
- Current 8th grade students at Explorer Middle School who reside in the Copper Canyon Elementary School area have priority for open enrollment at Pinnacle High School.
- Explorer Middle School 7th graders and Pinnacle High School 9th -11th graders do not have to apply for open enrollment.
- Current Copper Canyon Elementary School 6th graders who open enroll to Explorer Middle School have priority for open enrollment to Pinnacle High School when they leave Explorer.