

SAZAC COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Call to Order: Marcel Davis, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: Approval of Pleasant Grove Attendance Zone. The committee reviewed documents and the chair made a motion to approve the new zone. The motion was seconded by Melanie Gambell. The vote was 7 – 1 in favor of the new zone.

Contingency Plan for Warrington Middle: The school is in the transformation process. Escambia County Public Schools and USA Charter are still in negotiations. Nothing is definite or finalized yet. The contingency plan is to have something in place by the end of July in case things do not work out or the School Board chooses to close the school.

Overview: The Director of School Transformation & Enrollment Services, Hollie Wilkins and Ms. Jen explained the process. Schools are graded A, B, C, D, F. Based on grades of D or F the state will give recommendations. There are three tiers.

Tier 1- Basic Intervention

Tier 2 - Below C

Tier 3 – Closure or Charter School

Warrington has been in the process for 10 years. Due to Extensions, Frozen School Grades, or Covid Extension the process has been much longer, and another extension is not an option. The purpose is to put a well thought out plan in place now to avoid having a last-minute reactive plan.

Ms. Jen went over the state guidelines and requirements.

Student Side:

1. All students must be assigned to a C or higher school. The student must be tracked for 3 years unless the parent uses school choice and opt out. (And that school must have a grade).
2. No student reassigned can have a teacher with a VAM state metric rating of Unsatisfactory or Needs Improvement nor learning gains associated to it. Grades 6 – 8 ELA/Math or Algebra. The requirements look at every student and assignments.

Monitor Side:

The process will track the student for 3 years. This includes the student's attendance and grades. The monitoring will be done according to Florida Standards and what support the student receives. Students' progression is evaluated as to being on or below grade level.

Teacher Side:

None of the teachers that are rated Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory can attend a D or lower school.

The monitoring is designed to track how the goal will be met quarterly for a 3-year period.

The committee discussed transportation for the students and an attendance zone school assigned to them. They looked at what other schools are an option for the students. Currently, the students have only two options.

Discussion included the 600 students = 1200 in school zone (correction factor .5). The maps of Warrington Middle, Bailey Middle, Workman Middle, and Bellview Middle. Some areas on the map contain a high student density. The committee checked the schools for qualifying requirements, considered this is a school choice district and understanding parents will make their own decisions.

Committee Questions/Concerns:

- With School Choice is the family required to provide their own transportation? Yes, or go to an already established bus stop.
- With Charter will that be the neighborhood school? Yes, the charter school will be the zoned school.
- For the New Attendance Zone will the design accommodate transportation to the residentially zoned school? Yes, but not for after-school activities.

Our challenge is to make sure students currently residing in Warrington's attendance zone have a school to serve. The committee now has a verbal, historical, and visual picture of the zone.

The committee concluded by rescheduling the next meeting date. Our current date is during spring break.

Adjournment: 5:46 P.M.