



Regular Meeting November 14, 2005

Pledge

The pledges to the flags were led by Emily Kimmich a fourth grader at Rogers Elementary.

Recognitions

The Rogers PTA presented a check for \$5,000 to the Frisco Education with proceeds from the sale of the Friscopoly game.

Officials from the Junior League of Plano presented Melanie Cornelius, Elementary Science Coordinator, with recognition for the participation of FISD and its teachers in the second Sci-Tech Discovery Center that was held at Willow Bend Mall this summer. More than 14,000 visitors attended the center.

Action Items

Consent Agenda – These items are considered to be routine by the board and were approved under one motion: tax office reports; budget amendments; payments to vendors, architects, and contractors; FISD votes for Central Appraisal District Board of Directors; change to Board Policy FD (local) Admissions regarding evaluation of foreign transcripts for transfer students (Because we have more and more students joining us from many different countries, it is difficult to ascertain the best way to translate the transcripts and to award credit for courses taken based on rigor, etc. This policy allows for giving a P for passing, but not figuring the grade into the grade point average.); change to Board Policy EIC (Local) Academic Achievement: Class Ranking regarding exclusion of SAT Prep course from GPA computation (Because of how these courses are delivered (on-line at CHS) it is difficult to obtain a grade); addition of Board Policy EKB (Local) Required Remediation (Because the TAKS test in 10th grade is no longer exit level, some students may not be applying their full attention to the test. Having to pass the tests or be placed in remedial classes will hopefully be an incentive for a student to do his/her best or will help us get students the assistance they need to build needed skills for success on the exit-level test in 11th grade, which is required before receiving a diploma.); disaster recovery back-up service; deductive change orders for Independence Parkway north, Roach Middle School, Pink Elementary, Bledsoe Elementary and the Administrative Annex and Concession Building and the security camera projects; preferred approved vendor list; electricity supply provider and associated services (this will fix our pricing for 24 months at

a rate that is still at 25 percent more than the last price we locked in); auction and disposal of unusable materials and equipment; sale of three school buses; resolutions for previously approved land purchases.

Public Hearing on Waiver to Begin School on August 14

State law says that if you start school before the week that includes August 21 that you must seek a waiver. In order to do this you must post notice of a hearing of your intended start date and seek input on this desire. FISD would like to begin school on August 14, which is about the same start date used for the past several years. It allows the first semester to end before the winter break and school to end prior to Memorial Day, while also providing balance in the semesters. A survey is located on the website.

Discuss Preferred Plans for Attendance Rezoning for 2006-2007

In 2006-2007, the following schools will be opening to meet the needs of an increasing student population: Corbell Elementary (Trails of West Frisco); Sem Elementary (Panther Creek Estates); Ogle Elementary (Craig Ranch North); Taylor Elementary (south of SH 121); Wakeland High School (south of Eldorado between Legacy and the Tollroad) with 9-11 graders; and Liberty High (temporary site at Coit and McDermott for one year; permanent site at Rolater between Independence and Custer) with 9-10 graders.

At the meeting, the Administrative staff presented the preferred plans for the zones for the six new schools. The maps will be made available to the campuses and on the website – www.friscoisd.org - and information will be sent home with students. Input will be taken from parents and a public hearing will be held at the December 12 Board meeting. A final decision will be made by the Board at the January Board Meeting.

The opening of Sem and Ogle elementaries will affect Ashley and Isbell Elementary School zones. Because the projected enrollment was missed so much at Ashley Elementary School this year, the internal demographer is checking the number of students per household that is being used in these critical projections for the next two years, particularly in the high growth areas. In formulating these proposed zones, the staff must also look to 2007 to see what other schools will be needed at that time and what could be the potential zone so that student stability can be a top consideration. At least one and maybe two additional elementary schools will be needed in the northeast quadrant of the district in 2007.

With the opening of Taylor Elementary, Anderson and Borchardt zones will be affected. It is believed that these proposed zones work well over time and that four elementary schools should serve that area south of 121 well over time, as well.

Corbell Elementary will relieve Boals and Fisher elementary schools. One or two elementary schools will be needed in 2007 in the northwest quadrant of the district, also, to relieve Boals and possibly Pink. At this time, it seems that one of the needed elementary schools in 2007 will be built in Sunset Pointe, but there is also a site north of Grayhawk. Parents in ElDorado Fairway, an area proposed to attend the new Corbell Elementary School, have had concerns regarding transportation. Staff believes that bussing students to Corbell will be the best solution until something changes with FM 423.

In looking at the high school zones, the staff has been studying this issue since the beginning of school.

Last year, the district proposed initial plans to open Wakeland High School with students living in the Griffin Middle School zone (students north of Main Street and basically west of the railroad tracks). Last year it was also determined that another high school is needed on the east side of the district to alleviate crowding at Centennial High School. Liberty High School cannot be completed to open until 2007, so a temporary site is being utilized to house students in grades 9-10 for one year in the new Liberty zone. The district had initially proposed opening the temporary site with just 9th graders, but the enrollment projections accelerated over the summer. They also initially proposed the Liberty zone with students from the Roach Middle School zone and from south of 121.

As updated enrollment projections have been received, some adjustments of neighborhoods have been necessary in formulating proposed zones. In order to provide balance in high school enrollments, provide long-term stability, and align the enrollments in the best way for the opening of the next two high schools, we are looking at zoning the Rogers Elementary neighborhoods and the Panther Creek area neighborhoods (Creekside, Panther Creek Estates, Dominion at Panther Creek, Latera) to Wakeland beginning with the 9th graders in the 2006-2007 school year. This would place the projected enrollment at Wakeland at 750-800 students and would allow it to stay at a 3A size for two years and at the same time help with the long-term projections at Frisco High and the short-term growth at Liberty High. Liberty High School will be able to be a 3A size school for its first two years as well.

It is important to note as well that transfers between high schools will not be allowed due to rapid growth and UIL eligibility considerations.

High school #5 will probably open in 2009 in the northeast quadrant of the district to give relief to Liberty; #6 will probably open in the northwest quadrant of the district to relieve Wakeland and can possibly wait until 2010 with these potential adjustments. In the past we have tried to

communicate potential high school plans two school years prior to them opening. In the future, the district will probably get updated numbers in August of the year prior to the high school opening and will then go through the zoning process in August, September and October.

Staff is now taking input on parental thoughts concerning these proposals. They can be contacted by phone at 469-633-6000 or e-mail at worthams@friscoisd.org. Dennis Brent, FISD internal demographer, or Shana Wortham, the director of communications, can answer questions or take your thoughts and convey them to the Board. A public hearing on these proposed zones will be held at the December 12 regular meeting of the Board. Mike Farish is the principal of Wakeland High and is also available for questions regarding WHS – he can be reached at farishm@friscoisd.org or at 469-633-5701. Liberty High School principal Mike Waldrip can be reached at 469-633-5801 or waldripm@friscoisd.org. The elementary principals will be named in March.

Administrative Intradistrict Transfer Guidelines Regarding Capping Enrollment at Elementary Schools

With rapid growth in certain areas of the district, three schools have well exceeded 800 students this year – Ashley, Boals and Anderson.

In looking closely at this issue, staff recommended to the Board that the district add to the administrative intradistrict transfer guidelines to implement an enrollment cap of 860. Our schools are built to accommodate 760 students. Although you can add portable buildings to create classrooms, you cannot expand the commons areas and you continue to face issues with your students being able to attend their specials classes, the library, etc. It is not an ideal situation to continue to create new classes and reorganize students throughout the year. FISD has never instituted an enrollment cap before and we hope to not have to do so in the future.

Ashley Elementary has exceeded an enrollment of 870 students and Boals Elementary has exceeded 860. Anderson is at 826.

Because this is a forced transfer, transportation will be provided to the nearest school that has room, which is Gunstream for Ashley, Pink for Boals and Borchardt for Anderson. If a parent chooses to attend another school that is under 90 percent capacity, they would need to provide transportation.

For more information, contact Doug Zambiasi, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, at 469-633-6000.

Discussion of Future Bond Programs

In looking at an acceleration in secondary enrollment growth and the corresponding need to provide secondary space, Richard Wilkinson discussed with the Board the need to pull together a citizen's bond committee to look at our needs and the timeline for the next Bond Referendum. The

2003 funds have not all been spent, however there are no funds earmarked for the 5th high school, which is needed in 2009, or the 9th middle school, which will probably be needed in 2008 or 2009. It takes three years to design and build a high school, which means this process will need to begin next summer.

Market Value Comparison Groups for 2006-2007

The Board approved the following districts for comparative purposes for teacher salaries and benefits along with programming – Allen ISD, CFB, McKinney, Lewisville, Plano and Richardson. These are the districts nearest to us and with whom we compete for teachers. For non-teaching staff, the comparison group is Denton ISD, HEB, McKinney, Grand Prairie and Mansfield. This is based primarily on size and growth rate.

Staff Report Highlights

New Elementary Site – Richard Wilkinson pointed out a new elementary site that is located next to a current middle school site between Independence and Custer and north of Main Street.

Indoor Air Quality Survey – Mr. Wilkinson shared a report from the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding the indoor air quality at Isbell Elementary. Air quality tests are done annually, but because of the proximity to the concrete/asphalt batch plants, he knows there is interest in this issue at Isbell. Although the air quality is fine, the specialist did suggest improving the air quality by cleaning the carpet, upgrading the HVAC filters and keeping soil sloped away from buildings for efficient drainage.

Technology Outreach Program – This year we have loaned an additional 121 computers to families who didn't have one. This brings our total to 350 computers that have been loaned to students over the last three years.

Job Fair – The decision has been made to not hold a job fair this spring. Most of our current employees learned of us from other employees or by teaching in neighboring districts. Additionally, we receive more than 4,000 job applications annually. We will continue to recruit and will reevaluate after this spring.

Administrative Hiring Timeline –

Principal Hiring Timeline

January – Post Principal positions

Jan. 23 – Feb.10 Initial principal interviews

February 10 Semi-finalist recommendations to Dr. Reedy by Dr. Nelson and Dr. Goins

Feb. 13 – 17 Final principal interviews by Dr. Reedy

March 6 – Board Approval

Assistant Principal Hiring Timeline

January 31- Feb. 15 – Positions posted

March 20 – 24 Dr. Nelson and Dr. Goins interview
semifinalists

April 10, 2006 Board approval of assistant principals

Transfer Timeline

January 11, 2006 Transfer request forms and guidelines distributed to principals

March 9, 2006 Transfer requests due to HR

March 10 Transfer requests sent to Principals

March 20 - Principals interview/accept
April 7 voluntary transfers

April 11 Principal transfer list due to HR

April 17 – 20 Required transfers determined
and notified

Communications –

Community Parade – The chamber, city and school district had representatives at a meeting to discuss the future of the community parade. As you know, the chamber took back the role of coordinating this event and the idea is to pick a Saturday that can remain consistent from year to year and that does not conflict with other events or coincide with one school's homecoming activities. The leading idea that came forward is to pick the weekend of the last regular season home game, which is the first Saturday in November. This gets us past the time of band competitions and will allow for all high schools (we will have 4 next year) to have chosen their kings and queens, who can then participate in the parade. The weather would be pleasant, as well. The alumni would still be invited to participate in the parade and could be honored at the game that is played on Friday night. The idea of a barbecue at the conclusion of the parade was also discussed. In discussing this, the idea of kicking off the regular season was suggested as well . . .

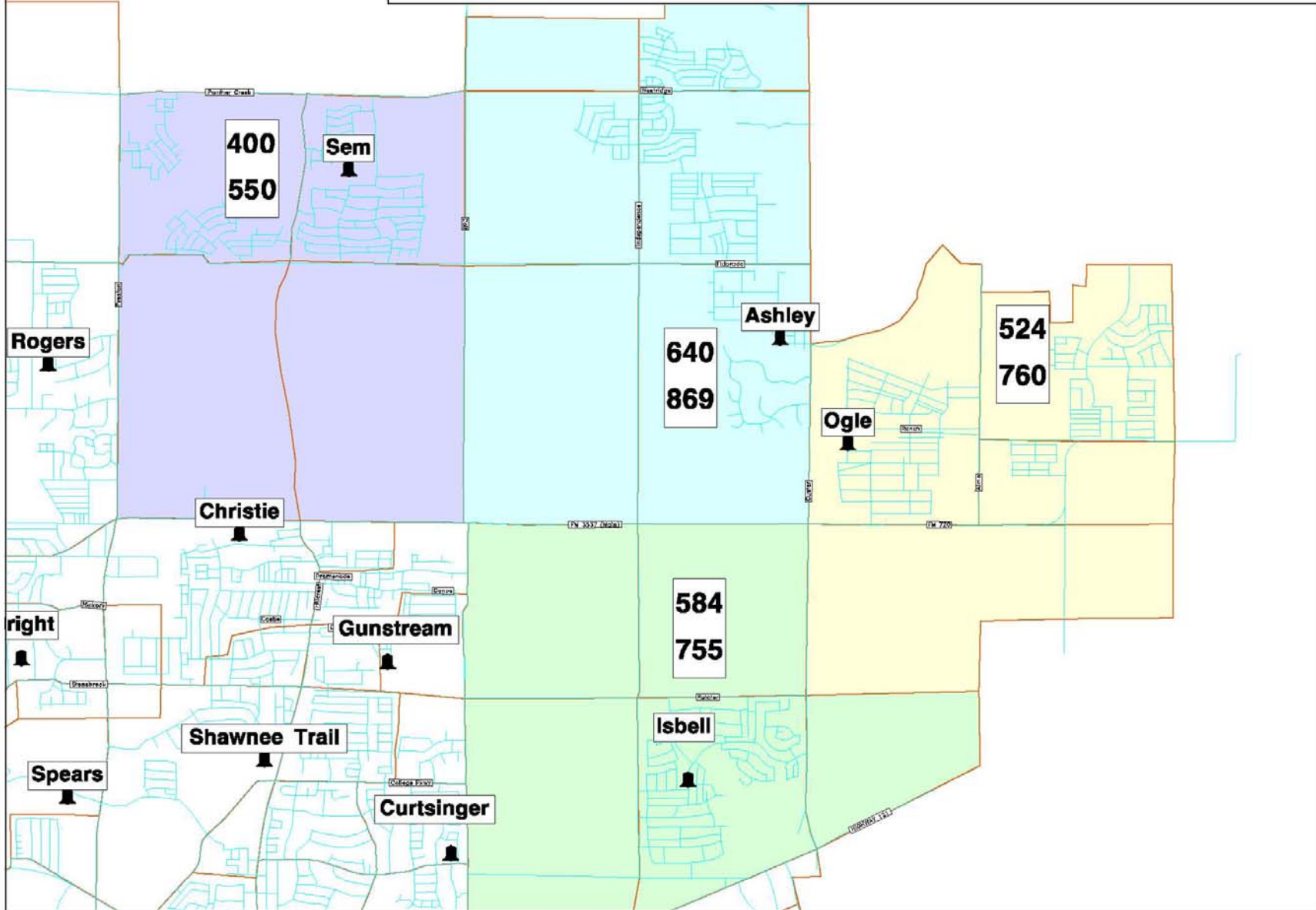
20,000th student – As of this typing, we are less than 60 students away from 20,000 students. We are planning to do something special for this milestone with a t-shirt and basket of things to commemorate this big number!

Gary Burns Fun Run and Chili Challenge – Thanks to everyone for their participation in making these events successful. The Run generated more than \$95,000 and the Chili challenge brought in over \$5,000. See the website for more info.

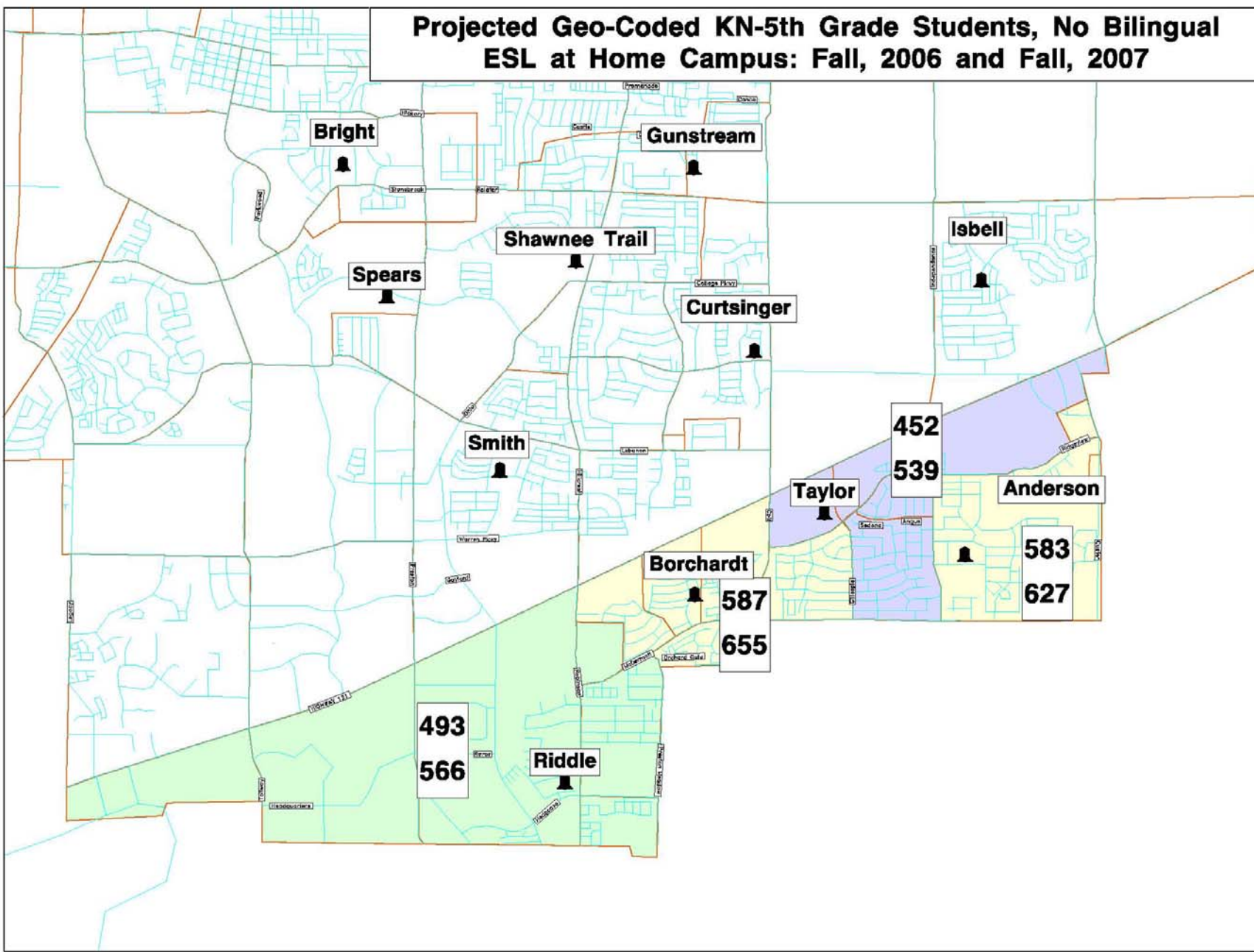
Upcoming Dates – December 7 – Senior Citizen Lunch

December 12 – Board meeting

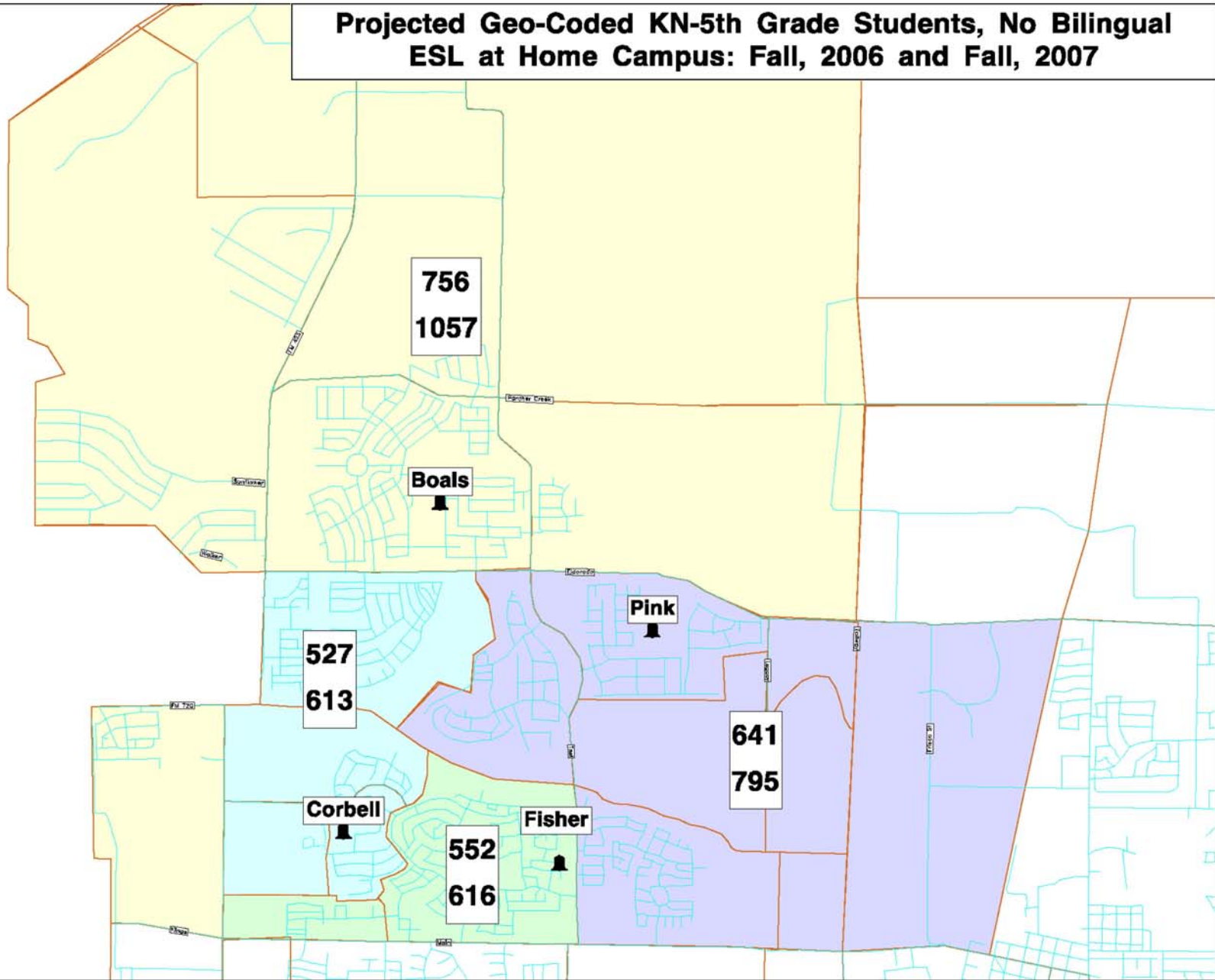
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Projected Students with 9th-11th at WHS and 9th-10th at LHS: Fall, 2006 & 2007
Opt. 4 - P Crk 9th to WHS in 2006, Staley N 9th to WHS in 2006

