

Kennedy PTO - March Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2026, 6:30-7:30 PM, Kennedy School Library

Welcome & Introductions

1. Reach us at JFKcougarsPTO@gmail.com
2. All Kennedy family members, staff, and friends of the school are part of the PTO
3. Working on the name change: **Kennedy Families & Friends**

The PTO's work at Kennedy

1. We **host free family events** to help students and their families feel like they are part of the school community.
2. We **support school staff** with grants, meals, appreciation days, and more.
3. We **serve families** by hosting guest speakers at our monthly meetings, free community meals, and supplying gift cards for the social workers to distribute.
4. We **advocate for school needs** with the district or school board.
 - PTO Board sent more questions to Dr. Ebbe and has a follow up meeting scheduled with her
5. We **fundraise** in order to be able to do all those things!

Upcoming events and how you can help

1. Election Day Bake Sale, April 7
 - a. **Looking for donations**
2. Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8
 - a. **Sign up if interested in helping**
3. Kennedy Fun Run - May 15 (rain date May 22)
 - a. **Need volunteers to help with event**
4. Help with planning the end of the year picnic & 60th anniversary celebration, June 4 (rain date June 5)
 - a. **If interested in participating, email PTO**

“Building for the Future” - MMSD Boundary & Attendance Area Review

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Jorge, Strategy and Innovation Team

Cindy reviewed the vision and overview of the five year plan that is being developed for the district.

Building for the Future has 3 components

- Boundary review
- Enrollment strategies
- Long range facility plan

City of Madison aiming to add 15,000 new housing units by 2030. City of Madison anticipated to grow by 100,000 by 2050.

Need to be planning for the future, need to make sure the schools are set up for the population that is set up to come.

Last time significant changes to attendance boundaries was decades ago.

Boundary review is data driven - have been collecting data including enrollment trends, housing development, capacities of schools

Survey was completed in the fall - received 2,790 responses, 721 open-ended comments. The responses did not reflect the population of the district.

Have developed guiding principles:

- Utilization
- Demographics
- Transportation and neighborhoods
- Stability
- Programming

Current boundaries do not align with the City of Madison boundaries

K-5 attendance areas

Optional areas

Non-contiguous boundaries

Feeder policy

Feeder pattern

Hole's in district

Interactive map that families can access - on MMSD website

MMSD Land: Future Sites - own two plots of land

Timeline - Will start doing community input sessions for almost a year will go from now until January 2027 final boundary option January - February 2027, earliest for implementation would be 27-28 school year

Two weeks of input sessions week of May 4-7, May 11-14, one of which is at Kennedy

Questions:

What efforts are underway to reach communities that weren't represented in the initial survey responses.

Focus groups, going to community centers, have been doing work at neighborhood centers, the district would like to hear about ways to gather information

Are we able to connect with WIC or SNAP to do outreach?

Does current referendum cover any of this effort - no.

If hear from community that additional schools are needed to be built, it may be considered.

How did the boundaries get so fractured? Have stayed this way because the work has not been done. The last work that was done was in the early 2000's - the Board decided not to make a lot of changes. Some of the boundaries go back to integration. Olson was the last school attendance change in 2008.

Important to include the historical context as a part of this conversation.

Is it part of the process to discuss when the next process will take place? See that districts are typically doing it 25 years.

Enrollment strategy is also part of the conversation.

How will the district push through the potential controversial conversations that are likely going to take place?

Will use guiding principles. Someone is going to be impacted by this process. May need to think of ways to handle the roll-out.

Is there anything that can be done in the meantime that would alleviate crowding? Have moved 4K from Kennedy, created Community School.

City of Madison going through area plan - new relationship with the City Planning department - trying to be more proactive

Were there missed opportunities in the past? There were missed opportunities.