

# Community Trustee Area Districting (CTAD) Committee

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## Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, Jan. 8, 2024

District Office

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by CTAD chair Doug Kunz.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Wesley Chen	X			
Alan Dowdell	X			
J.R. Fruen	X			
David Fung		X		
Angela Hixson	X			
Sid Jain	X			
Doug Kunz	X			
Rommy Kushner	X			
Chemba Ranganathan	X			
Kei Sato	X			
Heidy Patricia Suarez Espinosa		X		
Bill Wilson	X			
Julia Zhao	X			
Taek Kim (Student)	X			
Kashish Mittal (Student)	X			
Sehej Singh (Student)	X			

### 2. Review and Approve Minutes from Dec. 4 Committee Meeting

Angela Hixson made a motion to approve the Dec. 4 minutes. Bill Wilson seconded the motion. The three student CTAD members unanimously approved the minutes. The eleven remaining CTAD members present unanimously approved the minutes.

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### 3. Communications

3.1 Public Communications: Community member Jennifer Griffin addressed the committee. She shared that she became aware of the process to move to trustee areas through the flyer that was received at district residences. She shared she is concerned about why this process is happening. She mentioned several recent articles regarding this topic in local news outlets that she recommends the committee members read.

3.2 CTAD Committee Members: Committee member Kei Sato reported out about the community meeting that took place in December at Sunnyvale Community Services with a group of leaders from the Spanish-speaking community. There was good engagement, with approximately 20 attendees. There were some challenges with time due to the need to interpret simultaneously, leaving less time for dialogue and questions. However, the desire from the community to be engaged and heard was strong. Other topics, such as transportation, were raised. There was no clear answer or consensus from the group on how Sunnyvale should be divided, whether North/South or East/West. The group was split between those that felt it was important that the East/West split achieved the maximum percentage of Hispanic voting age population and that every percentage point counted, but those who lived North of 101 felt more strongly that it should be a North/South split. The presentation was felt to be overly technical and there were questions about how this issue affects the community.

Staff member Melisa Wonch shared information about the Dec. 7 Community Workshop at the District Office. There were eight attendees, most with at least a basic knowledge of the issue. Committee member Alan Dowdell shared information about the Community Workshop at Columbia Middle School on Dec. 9. He shared that he had learned about several of the neighborhoods in North Sunnyvale, particularly SNAIL and the desire from community members to keep that area together. The attendees had a range of knowledge on the topic. It was challenging to get through the presentation and to the mapping software in the time allotted. Committee Chair Doug Kunz shared information about the Dec. 14 Community Workshop at Quinlan Community Center. There were several very knowledgeable attendees who were interested in learning how to use the mapping tool. Others were newer to the process and didn't necessarily express preferences on the maps but had questions about why the district is doing this.

Committee members Wesley Chen and Sid Jain shared information about a drop in meeting they held at Calabazas Library on Jan. 7. Most of the attendees were from the Lynbrook and Monta Vista areas and many said they had been unaware of the process. They had questions about why this process is happening now and why access to the mapping software is being given to the community. Anxiety about the school closures in

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the Cupertino Union School District and the fear that this process will lead to school closures was expressed by some of the attendees. A second session at the library is planned for Jan. 14.

A question was asked about why there are five school board members. Superintendent Clark explained that school boards are made up of either 5 or 7 members. FUHSD has always had a 5-member board.

In response to community members that express fears about the possibility of school closure, committee member Bill Wilson shared that it may be helpful to share with them that FUHSD, working in partnership with the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), has been actively taking steps for the past 7+ years to keep enrollment balanced across the five high schools, by voluntarily transferring students to Lynbrook and now Monta Vista. This is the exact opposite of the actions a district would take if they were planning to close a school.

#### **4. Community Engagement Review and Planning**

Committee Chair Doug Kunz reviewed PTSA/PTO meetings that he and staff have already begun to schedule presentations for. Members of the committee volunteered to reach out to the contacts of additional PTSA/PTO groups to work on scheduling presentations.

Staff member Melisa Wonch reminded the group of the tentative timeline document and the goal to complete the first round of feedback from the community by the end of January.

Committee Chair Doug Kunz reviewed information about neighborhood associations, and shared that Sunnyvale has an umbrella organization for all the associations. Cupertino doesn't have the same structure. District 1 in San Jose does have some active neighborhood associations. Members of the committee volunteered to reach out to several of the Sunnyvale neighborhood associations.

Melisa Wonch reviewed the list of outreach ideas submitted by the group ahead of the meeting. There was a suggestion to have virtual offerings in addition to in-person meetings or events. Another suggestion was made to have a one-page flyer that would drive people to website which could include an engagement calendar.

Vice Chair Taek Kim reviewed a proposal for a CTAD presentation request form. The group had consensus that we should move forward with this.

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- *The group took a brief recess at 7:38 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 7:47 p.m.* -

## **5. Review CTAD Trustee Area Presentation for Community Engagement**

Committee Chair Doug Kunz shared information about the exercise the group was going to partake in to revise the current community presentation slide deck. Before beginning the activity, he reviewed the feedback the group received from the three community workshops. He also shared some framing questions to think about during the exercise

The committee members engaged in a hands-on activity to review the slide deck, which included reordering the slides and making other revisions or additions. Staff took notes on the white board to document the draft revisions.

Committee members were assigned in small groups to work on various portions of the presentation. Committee members were asked to submit their draft revisions by Monday, Jan 15 for review by staff.

CTAD member Wesley Chen raised a question about whether voter variance/balance of the trustee areas should be a criteria for the proposed maps.

## **6. Review Community Feedback Tools**

## **7. Sequencing**

## **8. Next Steps and Action Items**

Items 6, 7 and 8 were tabled by Committee Chair Doug Kunz due to time.

## **9. Communications**

9.1 Public Communications: No members of the public spoke.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.