

# **Miller Creek Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Minutes**

February 21, 2023

6:00 PM

Fire Station 5, 6425 Lower Miller Creek Road

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Roll Call: Jack Walton, Alex Fregerio, Jen Pfeiffer, George Curran, Medora and Tom O'Connor

Meeting called to order. No quorum present.

Russ Lodge, MCPS Superintendent

The School Board has been working with a State Demographer to predict populations for Missoula schools. While there's a bulge of students in the current system, based on the Census and other factors, the future school population is showing a flat steady line. The 'bulge' will be graduated in 3 years.

Because of expensive home prices, families are moving out of town to lower cost homes but are likely to send kids back into Missoula for High school.

Subsidized Housing is increasing on the North side of Missoula, and more children are expected to need to be schooled on the North side. There's no Middle School on the North side.

It takes 10 acres & 20 million dollars to build a new school.

Future ideas:

- 1- Cold Springs building could be a Kindergarten Center, as could other buildings.
- 2- JR Elementary school could have an East wing built onto it.
- 3- No buildings are being sold as they might be utilized in the future.
- 4- Riverfront Trails Subdivision is to be high end housing that families may not afford and will take a while to get built.
- 5- Whitaker has had water damage to the building.
- 6- The North side of Missoula is being watched for population growth.
- 7- Hillview has 500 more homes to be built.
- 8- Upper Miller Creek Neighborhood will have smaller homes being built.

The School Board is looking at working with the Demographer to study/consider Community Boundary Lines being redrawn.

To schedule a speaker for our General Meeting or for future questions, we can call Tracy Long, ext. 1026.

Other Non-Agenda Business:

Bill S245 was briefly discussed.

Unregistered Airbnb fees are being raised.

Next meeting will be March 21, 6pm. Agenda to include Neighborhood Cleanup for April-May.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Medora O'Connor