

Policy meet slated

Junior High boundaries set

Boundaries and feeder patterns for the new Potrero Hill Junior High School, which will open in February 1971, were announced by the School District last week.

The school will open with a limited enrollment of 270 second semester seventh grade students from Starr King, Daniel Webster, I. M. Scott, Bryant, Patrick Henry, and Buena Vista. Some 120 students will be bused in on a one-term only basis.

Racial balance during the opening semester will be approximately 44 per cent Black, 26 per cent Latino, and 22 per cent White, the School District reports.

By Fall, 1971, the Potrero school will also receive students from Bessie Carmichael and Treasure Island to bring total enrollment to 660. Full enrollment, nearly 1,000 students, will not be achieved until Fall, 1972, according to the current timetable.

All present eighth and ninth graders living in the district will continue to attend their current junior high school.

As yet, no principal has been named for the new school, nor have policies concerning staff and special programs been determined.

These questions will be discussed at a public meeting, Friday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m., at Daniel Webster School, 465 Missouri St. Dr. Ralph Kauer, assistant superintendent of schools, will describe school plans and answer questions. Organ-

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izers anticipate a large
turn out.

This will be the first
community meeting on
school plans, although con-
struction of the new school
was approved in 1964.

Kauer acknowledged
that the only local organ-
ization to be consulted on
how the school will be set
up and run has been the
Potrero Hill Boosters and
Merchants Association.

Members of the Boosters'
school committee, headed
by Ms. Babette Drefke,
have met with school of-
ficials on several occa-
sions to discuss such mat-
ters as school boundaries
and building progress.

School District informa-
tion officer, Hugh Wire,
said this limited commu-
nity involvement was due
to the failure of other
groups to come forward
with their views.

Friday's belated open
meeting was set up by an
inter-agency committee
led by Ms. Enola Maxwell.

Some of the questions
likely to be raised in-
clude the issue of racial
balance, which could be
difficult to maintain, given
the current boundaries
(see map) and projected
feeder patterns (see chart).

Present plans call for
at least one-third of the
student body to be compos-
ed of youngsters from
Treasure Island, who now
attend class in barracks-
like compounds.

Ms. Drefke, who says,
"We do not intend this to
be a ghetto school," re-
fused to discuss the
school project when quer-
ied by THE VIEW.

Although she has met
frequently with school
officials to discuss the
junior high school, Ms.
Drefke denied any know-
ledge of school plans.

The school stands on
the former site of the
Carolina Housing Project,
at 18th and DeHaro Streets.
The housing units were
torn down in 1967 at the
insistance of the Boosters
Association, according to
Fred Threefoot, who is in
charge of rentals for the
City Housing Authority

"The Boosters told us
a school was needed more
than public housing,"
Threefoot said.

Potrero Hill	S'71	Fall '71	Fall '72
feeder schools:			
Starr King	41(HM)	45	61
Buena Vista	4(HM)	7	6
Patrick Henry	20(EV)	24	29
Daniel Webster	48(EV)	47	57
I. M. Scott	16(EV)	18	15
Bryant	21(HM)	37	36
B. Carmichael	-	15	11
Paul Revere	120(VVS)		

The above chart shows the elementary school to be
serviced by the new school. Students entering in S'71
will be transferred from Everett(EV)and Horace Mann(HM).