

Oyster River Cooperative School Board

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

May 22, 2014

ORHS

7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Lisa Allison, Katrin Kasper,
David Taylor, Jennifer DeStefano, Lorna Jacobsen
School Board Representative Present: Denise Day
Guest Speaker: Alyson Mueller, Keller Williams Realty, Durham

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Alyson Mueller told us that after a really low fourth quarter 2013 influenced by the government shutdown, the real estate market has come back in the first five months of 2014, with 49 closed sales, level with last year's 50 during the same time period. The average sales price has increased from \$271,000 in 2013 to \$325,000 this year. She noted that the area's employment situation is strong, that inventory continues to come on to the market daily and she anticipates another strong summer. In response to questions on the impact of new student housing in Durham, she suggested that the Durham Landlord Association might be able to say whether many apartments previously rented to students are renting to families. She suspects that most of the students moving to the new off campus housing are moving from apartments in Newmarket and Dover. Lisa Allison will contact the Durham Landlord Association. Lorna Jacobsen will investigate whether the number of graduate students is increasing. Katrin Kasper will investigate whether a development of new homes is likely to be built this year in Lee. Alyson also suggested that the ORCSD send letters to everyone purchasing a home in the district, urging them to contact school administrators and/or submit online registration for their children.

We will invite the building administrators to our next meeting on June 19, asking them to bring a census of students at each grade level in June 2014. Over the summer we will fine tune an estimate of net move-ins. Alyson Mueller will join us at this meeting to give a housing market update.

The changed bus routes impacting the elementary school split were discussed and the committee decided that the shift of students to Mast Way will be gradual enough to be factored into our model through natural changes in grade progression without any model changes. The new agreement with Barrington may result in higher Barrington enrollment and we will discuss this with Todd Allen at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on June 19 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Allison, LRPC chair