

Oyster River Cooperative School Board
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

May 24, 2017

ORHS

7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Lisa Allison, David Taylor, Robert Mohr, Michael Goldberg, Rob McEwan
School Board Representative Present: Denise Day

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

Alyson Mueller had a last minute conflict, but she sent the information that a total of 47 real estate transactions have closed this year to date in the ORCSD, down from 60 at this time last year.

Denise Day showed us the current elementary school enrollment by grade for the coming school year and explained the plan for staffing to accommodate the expected higher number of students in kindergarten and first grade. She commented that holding kindergarten registration in March helps the principals to get a much better idea of the number of incoming students than previously. A total of 114 students are registered for kindergarten in 2017, up 6 from the 108 that the LRPC projected last year. First grade is expected to be 129 next year, 10 higher than the 119 projected by the LRPC. The 10 additional first graders are split evenly between the schools. Kindergarten is below projection at Moharimet and above projection at Mast Way. The School Board has already approved a new kindergarten teacher for Mast Way.

High School principal Suzanne Filippone expects tuition students to be 138 next year, the same total projected by the LRPC last year.

We discussed the Middle School review process and commented that someone from the LRPC should be included on the committee once it moves beyond the facilities review.

The LRPC will meet again in July. Action items to accomplish for the July meeting are:

- Alyson Mueller will prepare a real estate market update.
- Lisa Allison will compare alternative methodologies that we could have used for first grade projection last year, and how close they would have been to current enrollment expectations.
- Michael Goldberg will present his analysis of possible independent variables to use in the model.
- Rob McEwan will present his data on Middle School enrollments across New Hampshire.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Allison, LRPC chair