

Oyster River Cooperative School Board  
**Long Range Planning Committee Meeting**

October 16, 2017 ORHS

7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Lisa Allison, Alyson Mueller, David Taylor, Michael Goldberg

School Board Representative Present: Denise Day

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

The committee reviewed actual October 1 enrollment. Total enrollment was 2,148 on October 1, which is higher than last year's LRPC projection of 2,114 by 34, or 1.6%. We decided that, because we don't have enough data to predict full day kindergarten enrollment based on history, we will project first grade for each future year, then back into kindergarten using grade progression ratios. The advantage of this methodology is that the entire future projection won't be based on an uncertain kindergarten projection. If kindergarten is off, it will only impact that one grade.

We discussed various possible methodologies to determine the grade progression ratio from full day kindergarten to first grade. We decided to try several methodologies and review the resulting projections at the next meeting.

Barrington is sending 44 freshmen to the High School this year, 4 more than we had projected. We plan on continuing to use 40 tuition freshmen per year in future years.

We noted that Mast Way now has more students than Moharimet, and that the larger enrollments at Mast Way are concentrated in k through 2, whereas Moharimet has more students in grades 3 and 4. The change has resulted from the boundary line changes and also the shift in new building from Madbury to Lee. We will use the 3 year average of 54% Mast Way and 46% Moharimet to allocate future kindergarten and first grade by school.

It was noted that the letter to new residents of the district that urges them to register their children for school should also ask them to notify the district of the ages of all their children who have not yet attained school age.

We will hold one more LRPC meeting in October, if possible, to review projections followed by a meeting in November to prepare the presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Allison, LRPC chair