

Oyster River Cooperative School Board
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

October 17, 2018 ORHS 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Lisa Allison, Robert Mohr, Alyson Mueller
School Board Representative Present: Denise Day

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

We reviewed October 1 enrollment compared to last year's LRPC projection. The only real anomalies were the unexpectedly low number of kindergarteners (92 vs. predicted 110) and the unforeseen rise in tuition students, as Barrington raised its number of freshmen to 50 from 40 predicted.

We had lots of theories but no obvious explanation for the low number of kindergarten students this year. Alyson pointed out that real estate sales have remained strong, with 185 transactions year to date in 2018, on track to surpass the 197 transactions in the full year 2017.

At the High School, we had been assuming a cap of 40 tuition students per grade level. Denise pointed out that we are coming into the last few years of the contract with Barrington, and that we can expect them to start 50 freshmen each year, until they reach the cap of 200 students under the contract. The contract expires in 2025, which is before the end of the projection period. We will just assume 50 in each class through 2029.

We will continue to use a 3 year average for the first grade enrollment split between Moharimet and Mast Way. David Goldsmith sent us an email affirming that Moharimet can hold 3 classes of 18 first graders (54 total). If, in any year, the projection is for more than that number, we will assume the remaining students attend Mast Way.

Next steps: Robert Mohr will calculate new coefficients. Lisa Allison will roll the model forward with the new data and coefficients, producing the first draft of the enrollment projection. Next meeting we will discuss possible changes to the draft projections and the form of the presentation.

The next meeting of the committee is tentatively scheduled for Thursday November 8 at 7:00.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Allison, LRPC chair