

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

May 23, 2016

ORHS

7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Lisa Allison, David Taylor, Michael Goldberg, Giana Gelsey

School Board Representative Present: Denise Day

Guests: Alyson Mueller, Todd Allen, Carrie Vaich

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Alyson Mueller provided some statistics on real estate activity. In the three towns of the ORCSD 58 homes were sold year-to-date in 2016 compared with 49 in the same period last year, an 18% increase. Another 52 properties are under contract. She said that there is a low inventory of homes in the price range of \$300,000 - \$400,000, adding that Durham residents have had no trouble renting out apartments in their homes, despite the many new student apartments recently built in downtown Durham. Alyson will compile historical data on home sales in the ORCSD and send it to us so that we can test it as a second independent variable in the Kindergarten and Grade 1 regressions.

Giana Gelsey is on the board of Oyster River Parents of Preschoolers. She has offered to add optional questions to the ORPP registration form to assist the LRPC in gathering data for use in our models. Committee members are encouraged to think of information that could be helpful to us and let Giana know.

Todd Allen discussed the tuition students from Barrington. He explained that Barrington will send 118 students to Oyster River High in 2016-17 and gradually increase the number to 125 in 2019-20. After that, growth is contractually limited to 20% per year until a cap of 200 students is reached. However, Todd Allen mentioned other limiting factors such as the number of native Oyster River students in the High School, and after the 125 school of record level is reached, the number that Barrington wants to pay for. Barrington has a waiting list of 17 students who would like to attend ORHS this fall but don't fit within the 118.

Carrie Vaich reported that 108 students are currently signed up for full day kindergarten, 54 in each school. This is 4 higher than the LRPC estimate and only 4 lower than our "high end" forecast. Budgeting for next year will begin in late August. We discussed the probable need to run new projections for K and 1 prior to the budget. Those will be based on Day 1 enrollment, so will have to be done in early September.

We concluded that we will need one meeting in June and June 9 was proposed. Subsequently, several members who did not attend expressed that they cannot make June 9. Committee members and building administrators (who will be invited to the June meeting) will be polled before a date is set for the meeting, likely the week of June 20.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa M. Allison, LRPC chair