

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

September 12, 2016

ORHS

7:00 p.m.

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

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

Alyson Mueller gave us a quick update on the real estate market, noting that after the frenzy of sales in the spring, the market cooled over the summer but she expects activity to pick up in the fall, which is the typical pattern. Sales are up about 10% this year over last year, although new listings are down about 20%. Currently 29 sales are pending, representing the potential of new students before October 1.

We reviewed Day 1 enrollment figures compared to our projection last year. Overall enrollment on day 1 was 2,119, just 1% above last year's LRPC projection of 2,091. However, we under estimated kindergarten and first grade at Mast Way school by an entire class in each grade. Combining Mast Way and Moharimet, day 1 enrollment in kindergarten was 116, compared with our forecast of 104. First grade enrollment was 132, compared with a forecast of 123. We noted that the high end forecast for full day kindergarten had been 112, based on applying the first grade model to births in 2011.

Denise Day will ask Dr. Morse to talk to Barrington about their target number of tuition students in 2017-18 and we will use that to inform our model for HS tuition students. We discussed adding independent variables such as real estate data and economic data to the model and decided to investigate this during the 2017 calendar year. Alyson Mueller will check to see how much real estate sales history is available by town from Strafford County without reviewing microfiche records by hand. Lisa Allison will contact the New Hampshire department of vital statistics to get births data from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. Michael Goldberg will use the births data and October 1 enrollment to update the model coefficients. With the new coefficients, Lisa Allison will do a preliminary run of the model for discussion at the next meeting.

We agreed on the method for projecting full day kindergarten enrollment, which is the same way we estimated the high end last year. We will try two alternative methods of estimating first grade enrollment, which include the current model with updated coefficients and another method, suggested by Robert Mohr, of using the historical 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade progression as a proxy for full day kindergarten to first grade. At the next meeting we will compare the results of both methods.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday October 11, assuming that we receive the data we need and can process it in time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Allison, LRPC chair