

Oyster River Cooperative School Board

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

September 25, 2013 ORHS 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Lisa Allison, Tom Merrick,
Lorna Jacobsen, David Taylor, Jennifer DeStefano, Katrin Kasper
School Board Representative: Tom Newkirk
Guest: Robert Mohr

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

We reviewed the 2014-2015 forecast based on principals' July estimates of 2013 enrollment. We discussed how the net number of students moving into the district in the summer of 2013 exceeded what the LRPC model had predicted in 2012 and what the administrators had been expecting as recently as July. Overall, day 1 enrollment exceeded the LRPC 2012 forecast by 65 students, or 3.2%. Ten of those were new Barrington tuition students, so the increase in students from the district was 55 or 2.8%. Moharimet and the Middle School were most impacted by the new students. At Mast Way, we had forecasted 295 students and day 1 actual was 287. At Moharimet, we forecasted 375 and day 1 actual was 409. Our model overestimated kindergarten and underestimated first grade. At the Middle School, we forecasted 650 and day 1 actual was 684. At the High School, we forecasted 602 from the district and 73 from Barrington for a total of 675. Day 1 actual was 597 from the district and 83 from Barrington for a total of 680. Possible explanations included the strong housing market this year that enabled many sellers to finally sell their homes after several years.

We discussed the likelihood that the School Board will deal with the uneven distribution of students between Mast Way and Moharimet before the next school year opens. We decided to forecast enrollment at both schools using our current methodology so as to forecast the extent of the enrollment differential if no change is made.

Tom Newkirk asked that we run the model for High School enrollment with and without Barrington through the year 2025 so as to ascertain what the level of enrollment might be without the possible addition of tuition students from Newmarket.

We decided to run the model next week, as soon as October 1 enrollment and cohort births for the year ending September 30 become available.

Robert Mohr has agreed to fill the Lee vacancy on the LRPC, replacing Tim Burke. Tom Newkirk will propose this at the next School Board meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday October 7 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Allison, LRPC chair