

Oyster River Cooperative School Board

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

September 29, 2014 ORHS 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Lisa Allison, Katrin Kasper, Michael Goldberg, Tom Merrick, David Taylor, Robert Mohr

School Board Representative Present: Denise Day

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

The committee reviewed day one enrollment compared to last year's projections and noted that total enrollment of 2,090 is only 4 higher than the 2,086 that we predicted last year. Last year's projections overestimated first grade by 7 at Mast Way and 6 at Moharimet and they underestimated High School freshmen by 14.

We discussed the elementary school split and decided to continue using a 4 year average for "partitioning" or deciding how many of the predicted kindergarten and first grade students would attend each school. By using a shorter time frame (typically, we would use five years), the ratios will more quickly reflect the new boundary lines. Note that we cannot use the model to predict first and second graders separately by school because births data is available only in the aggregate, not by specific address.

Denise Day reported the number of High School tuition students on day one: 23 in grade 9, 22 in grade 10, 22 in grade 11 and 17 in grade 12. From this we concluded that the unexpected increase in 9th graders this year was not due to an unusual number of tuition students. Therefore it must be more native students staying in the district for High School, combined with move-ins. This information led us to conclude that we should just continue using the GPR from 8th grade to predict High School freshmen. No adjustment is needed to account for a new wave of students from Barrington.

The only changes to the model this year will be to update the regression coefficients to add the most recent year of actual data. Lisa Allison will contact the state of New Hampshire to get the births data for the 12 months ending September 30. She will send the data to Michael Goldberg, who will calculate the coefficients.

When the preliminary October 1 enrollment is known, Lisa Allison will run the model to get a draft of this year's projections.

The committee will meet again on Monday October 27.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Allison, LRPC chair