

MINUTES OF THE SPACE & ENROLLMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 24, 2014
Superintendent's Office – Malden Government Center

Attendees: Joan Federico, Director of Parent Information Center. School Committee members: Adam Weldai, John Froio, Leonard Iovino, Maria Doucette, and Larry Silverman.

Meeting called to order at 4:35 pm in the Superintendent's office.

We briefly reviewed the issues discussed at our first meeting. We learned from Dr. DeRuosi that he would be able to fund a paraprofessional for the eight classes in grades K and Grade 1 with an enrollment of 27 students.

The subcommittee decided that the main issue we had to deal with was space/enrollment, and the related issue of student placement.

Relating to the issue of space, it was suggested that perhaps we could look into the possibility of classroom rental at the Cheverus School; also in relation to additional space, it was suggested that we look into the possibility of using portable classrooms. The use of portable classroom space has some special issues that might negate their use.

With regard to student placement:

- Controlled Choice has to end. In the booklet that goes to parents, that term will now be entitled "Student Placement Policy", and students will be placed according to the following protocol:
 1. Programmatic Priority, i.e. special needs, etc.
 2. Try to keep siblings together
 3. Proximity to school

In general discussion, Mr. Silverman rightly stated that none of the major issues can be successfully dealt without additional funding to the school budget for FY15 and beyond.

Next meeting of this subcommittee is set for 9/30/14 at 4:30 pm.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard Iovino, Malden School Committee, Ward 4