

MINUTES OF THE SPACE & ENROLLMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 19, 2014
Superintendent's Office – Malden Government Center

Attendees: Dr. David DeRuosi, Superintendent of Schools, Joan Federico, Director of Parent Information Center. School Committee members: Peter Cicolini, Adam Weldai, John Froio, Leonard Iovino, Maria Doucette, Larry Silverman and a concerned parent Joel Gray.

Meeting began at 4:30 pm in the Superintendent's office.

We first began with a wide ranging discussion of issues. Those issues are:

- Addressing long term vs. short term solutions
- Classroom space
- Bussing/transportation
- Parental concerns (i.e. distance to schools)
- Placement policy/waiting list(s)
- Need for possible additional Innovation School(s)
- Enrollment numbers

One item discussed was what to do with class sizes in excess of 27 students. The subcommittee directed the Superintendent to look at the budget to possibly fund a paraprofessional for those classes exceeding 27 or more students.

Another issue discussed was the fact that certain individuals were asking the Superintendent to place a student in a particular school. We instructed the Superintendent that this particular decision rested ultimately with the school committee, so that the Superintendent could be able to be freed from that burden. We would have to bring that issue to the committee as a whole.

It was also decided that these issues would have to be prioritized at future meetings.

It was decided that this subcommittee would require a series of meetings over the next several months.

The next meeting of this subcommittee has been set for Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 4:30 pm.

Motion was made to adjourn at 5:35 pm.

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