

Minutes of Space and Enrollment Sub-Committee

Monday, October 27, 2014

5:30pm

In attendance:

Mayor Gary Christenson, Adam Weldai, Lenny Iovino, John Froio, Pietro Cicolini, Larry Silverman, Maria Doucette and Joan Federico

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm

Mr. Weldai--Gave each member in attendance a copy of the School Registration Information and Application to be discussed during the meeting.

Mr. Iovino---talking points:

We need funding to solve the problem of the large class sizes in the lower grades.

Each option discussed during our meetings would cost the district money.

There is a need for 6 paras for SpecialEd.

To invest \$100,000 to hire teachers and create a co-teaching model could help with the situation

Renting another school was also an option.

Reviewed enrollment numbers of 6695 students in the district as of 10/24/14

Mr. Cicolini ---Analysis of classroom sizes were discussed at prior meetings. The results of making adjustments to the enrollment policy may take a few years. The problem needs to be addressed now.

Mr. Weldai—There may be unused classrooms available in the K-8's that could be used for classes to help alleviate the large class sizes. But..... we would need additional teachers and additional money to pay them.

Mayor Christenson ---We need to reach out to Trish to assess what "free money" we may have in our budget.

Mr. Iovino—The concept of co-teaching needs to be assessed before implemented. Asking retired teachers to return for the remainder of the school year was discussed.

Mr. Weldai—An invitation will be extended to Dr. DeRuosi and Trish Lugo to attend our next meeting. Principal input would be asked at a later date.

Mr. Weldai—There may be as many as 10 classes that have more than 26 students.

The entire committee reviewed and edited the School Registration Information and Application.

Mr. Weldai—Agreed to re-type the edited form and email to all members.

The next meeting, agreed by the members, is Monday, November 3, 2014 at the Senior Center at 5pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Iovino and second by Mr. Silverman at 6:34pm.

Submitted by

Maria Doucette

October 28, 2014