

Oyster River Cooperative School Board  
**Long Range Planning Committee Meeting**

October 23, 2019 ORHS

7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Lisa Allison, David Taylor, Giana Gelsey  
School Board Representative Present: Denise Day

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Births in the district during the 12 months ending September 30, 2019 were exactly 100, which is up from the last few years but still part of a long-term downward trend being experienced across New England.

We reviewed October 1 enrollment compared to last year's LRPC projection. Overall, we projected 2019 enrollment at 2,176 students, compared with an October 1 actual number of 2,173, a difference of 3 students or less than half of one percent. Elementary enrollment on October 1 was 6 students above projection, 373 actual versus 378 projected at Mast Way and 298 actual versus 287 projected at Moharimet. There were only 101 first grade students in the district on October 1, 9 below our projection of 110. Kindergarten had a total of 120, 14 higher than our projection of 106. The grade progression ratio from K to 1 dropped from 116% following the first year of full day K in 2016, to 114% last year and 110% this year. That's consistent with our expectation. In this year's model, we will use the two-year average and drop each year, reaching 107%, the five-year average of K-1 GPR, within 5 years. Middle School enrollment was 665 on October 1 versus 669 projected.

High School tuition students on October 1 numbered 170, ten fewer than our projection of 180. There were only 38 ninth grade tuition students on October 1, compared with 52 tenth graders. We will project 40 new tuition students per year going forward.

Robert Mohr completed his work on the coefficients, and we were able to run a draft of the model for the committee to review. Two anomalies were noted, and the model will be re-run to make suggested changes. Please note that projections distributed to the LRPC on October 23 are drafts for committee use and they ARE going to change.

Two Durham residents have been recommended to fill the openings on the committee. Lisa Allison sent them each a copy of last year's presentation and although they were not present tonight, they are both interested in the committee and will attend the November meeting.

The next meeting of the committee will be Wednesday November 13 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa M. Allison, LRPC chair