

Override Study Committee updated

Demographics subcommittee minutes meeting

January 8 4:30p.m.

Attendance: A. C. Tolkoff, Sergio Modigliani, Lee Selwyn

Public: Sean Murphy

Called in: Alberto Chang

Postponed approval of minutes from previous meeting as secretary was not present.

Quorum voted to call Alberto Chang.

Scheduled additional meetings for month. Wed. 4:30 January 15, 22, 29

Mr. Modigliani introduced topic of presentations for general Override Study committee meeting Jan.15

Mr. Selwyn seconded continuing that discussion. Each stated that chairs of all subcommittees were sending presentations out before the 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. for discussion prior to Jan 15 meeting.

Mr. Modigliani explained the presentation of the Capital subcommittee on which he serves.

Topics that integrate with Demographics:

- Baseline needs
- Policy changes to respond to increase in the short term i.e. Metco, Material Needs, Increased class size

Mr. Selwyn explained presentation of Schools subcommittee on which he also serves. Ms. Tolkoff explained presentation of Municipal committee on which she also serves. Mr. Selwyn noted policy changes topics mentioned above were also discussed in his subcommittee. Referenced the problem of determining effect of students placed across the system. i.e. 22 students spread across the system do not cause the expense of one classroom /teacher. How do we measure the expense of that increase?

Discussion of format of subcommittee presentation Wed. 1/15/14–We are not expected to have power point. We will be expected to have a draft circulated before meeting, additions/amendments based on meeting Wed. 4 on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Chang reported exchanges with Mr. J. Fehrenbach concerning new data and with Mr. Rowe off line.

By matching Assessor's data with student population data, requiring student i.d.s, we are trying to determine if the increase in number of students can be attributed to change in the type of housing. As of Jan.08 we do not have a resolution from town counsel that would allow a member of our committee to review student data. Our request states that we need only view data by i.d. numbers not names. The School Dept. has expressed the opinion that regulations regarding privacy of students are an obstacle to

our committee's viewing data. Mrs. Tolkoff will renew request with Mr. Rowe to check with Town Counsel.

In addition, Mr. Chang reported that Mr. Ferhenbach had been working with cross referencing 14 age cohorts/ classes. Mr. Rowe recommended that we eliminate pre-k and senior year in high school because those two bands represent major churn components. Prediction of the stability of the cohort, the number of students progressing from grade to grade, is a major concern of the committee and will be reviewed with MGT. Mr. Fehrenbach is eliminating the top and bottom groups.

Mr. Chang is working to gain ability to disaggregate the data: He will ask:

How many students moved into Brookline:

from Massachusetts schools,

from out of state,

from out of country?

Mr.Scott Murphy enters meeting.

Mr. Modigliani shares concern that we may not be successful in predictions even with a new model. The current forecast is deficient in telling us what happens after 2020.He proposes that, as a subcommittee, we should identify the areas of uncertainty in the overarching concept of prediction.

Mrs. Tolkoff designated to remind Mr. Rowe of the School Dept. of obligation to arrange meeting with MGT consulting firm to explain choice of model, used in the 2012 report, to forecast trends in school age population.

Meeting adjourned 5:45

