

**Future Forecast Committee
Council Chambers
March 15, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

Present:	J. Erardi	T. Einhorn
	J. Vouros	A. Uberti
	R. Harriman-Stites	C. Moretti
	A. Clure	L. Rodrigue
	K. Holden	

Dr. Erardi said the Board of Education presentation will be given at the June 21 meeting but we should be prepared for the possibility of the June 7 meeting. The presentation will share information from the last report plus next steps. Present space, future space and program design will be included. The three subcommittees will consist of:

No School Change

Lorrie Rodrigue
Chris Moretti
Andy CLure
Karyn Holden

Gino Faiella

Close an Elementary School

Tom Einhorn
Rebekah Harriman-Stites
Community Member

Ron Bienkowski

Close the Middle School:

Anne Uberti
John Vouros
Jean Evans Davila
Community Member

Ron Bienkowski

For the “No School Change” group the research will be all around innovation and creativity in the district.

For the “Closing an Elementary School” group this has a lot to do with space and the enrollment study

For the “Closing the Middle School” group they would need to examine how that configuration would look.

Dr. Erardi would like the report ready by the end of May.

Much of the data collection has already been done from the last report. The CIP will play into the conversation as well as town needs.

Mr. Vouros said it is key to understand that if there were to be a closing what does that educationally look for the child. Also, closing the middle school will also impact the high school. Dr. Erardi said the common thread is how it will impact students and teachers.

Mr. Moretti mentioned that last year the committee made recommendations and asked if that was the purpose of this committee.

Dr. Erardi stated that the group is advisory to the Board of Education.

At this time the committee broke into their groups for discussion.

Mr. Vouros asked if they should consider the budget impact in our discussions.

Dr. Erardi feels that if the Legislative Council endorses the Board's work we know the number of classes and teacher we will have. The question is around space.

Dr. Rodrigue said the "No School Change" group will start by gathering evidence from community members, staff and students about available space and see what the numbers mean with the change in population in their buildings. Look at programs to expand upon regionally. If we had more space the high school TAP program could bring in students from other districts. We have to make sure it will work to benefit students.

Mr. Einhorn said that looking to possibly close an elementary school we would look at last year's configurations and move out projections in multiple years. Centering on what is best for the students we would look at this from a numbers perspective first.

Mrs. Harriman-Stites said that listing positives and negatives looks at the real impact on space, educators, parents and students. We need to look at what provides the most benefits for the school community.

Dr. Erardi said for the last two groups for long term data collection the Board will want to know how long the projections will hold for. He will bring Gino Faiella to the meeting next Tuesday to be a resource for all three groups with maps. He will ask the administration to refresh the work done last year on space. Ron Bienkowski will also attend to share analytics and what his role will be. He expects to have two additional committee members also. Data gathering and shared thinking will be part of the next few meetings.

Mr. Moretti asked if they were supposed to set up meetings with the town to learn more about their needs

Dr. Erardi would speak with Mrs. Llodra first and get back to the committee.

Mrs. Harriman-Stites said the Town Facilities Committee has done work around space needs and their report is online.

Dr. Erardi asked if she would share an executive summary on that group.

Mrs. Uberti said they will also need time to collaborate with other members of each group in looking at space.

Submitted by: Kathy June