

Future Forecast Committee Minutes
Council Chambers
April 26, 2016
9:00 a.m.

Present: J. Erardi
J. Vouros
T. Einhorn
R. Harriman-Stites
K. Holden
C. Moretti
A. Uberti
L. Rodrigue
L. Wiedenhamer
D. Petersen
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Dr. Erardi spoke about the timeline before the presentation to the Board on June 21.
Mrs. Holden spoke to the revised survey and included an open area for parent comments. She feels the survey should go to parents, staff and community members.
Dr. Weidenhamer asked if there was interest in having this distributed at Liberty and for similar groups.

Mrs. Harriman-Stites referred to the revised list of assumptions and projections. The final draft would be brought to the next meeting.
Dr. Rodrigue asked if they could choose the top three or four options they feel is the best opportunity for students.
Mr. Faiella said we have to be careful as far as who will be in the buildings.

Dr. Erardi asked the committee to look at the projections at Reed, the high school and the middle school in the next five years and wanted their #1 recommendation how to fill space in one of those three buildings if 25% of the classroom space was empty.

Mr. Einhorn said the Board of Education offices were in the middle school years ago. Other town offices would be fine in the middle school but there would be concern about parking and accessibility.

Mr. Moretti said we are experiencing an uptick in challenged students causing outplacements. An option would be having an intermediate program provided in the district.
Mrs. Holden said that the special education programming is her first thought and moving the Board offices to the middle school her second choice.

Mrs. Uberti said she approved of the same two options but is concerned about bringing in outside programs as safety is hard to control.
Mr. Vouros mentioned that an area of the middle school lower level can be used for the community. It has a private entrance and parking.
Mrs. Harriman-Stites agreed with Mr. Moretti.

Mrs. Davila agreed with special education programming and also personalized learning for students. An area can be used for fine arts, studio work and mentoring students.

Dr. Rodrigue agreed with innovative programming. Norwalk has a program where students get associates degrees.

Mrs. Holden questioned moving the Board offices to the high school.
Mr. Faiella wasn't sure if the high school had a space to house everyone. There might have to be some construction work to accommodate everyone.

Submitted by: Kathy June