

HOPEWELL VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Pennington, New Jersey

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Future Planning Committee (FPC)
From: Liz Gutierrez
Date: June 11, 2014
Re: Meeting Notes of June 11, 2014

The meeting was convened at 9:00 am in the Board Meeting Room and adjourned at 11:00 am.

Discussion / Action Items:

1. The minutes from meeting #6 were reviewed and approved by the Committee.
2. New Data: Dr. Smith presented the new Demographic Report, which was also emailed to each member of the Committee prior to the meeting. He asked Committee members to review the report by Monday, June 16, ahead of the Demographer's presentation. He pointed out that magnet programs did not factor into the Demographer's calculations.
3. Draft Scenarios – The impact of draft scenarios were reviewed. At the previous meeting, the Committee decided the following three scenarios will not be pursued at this time: Option A. Closing a school; Option B. K-2, 3-5 Model; Option C. Status Quo. The remaining scenarios are as follows:
 - Option D: Full Day Kindergarten in All Schools
 - Option D-1: Full Day Kindergarten Pilot at Bear Tavern Elementary
 - Option E: Administration Moving out of District Building
 - Option F: Redistricting – Moving School Attendance Lines to Better Balance Elementary Schools. Last Done in 2007.
 - Option G: All 5th Grades Being Moved to Timberlane Middle School
 - Option H: Expansion of Magnet Programs – Dual Immersion

Though the scenarios being discussed by sub committees have been narrowed down, Dr. Smith asked the Committee if there were any additional scenarios they would like to include. He stated that there were "no limitations." Dr. Smith also added that while closing a school is not an option in the next five years, it may be a possibility in the long term; especially if various developments do not get built.

At this point the Committee members broke into their discussion groups for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. They were instructed to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the individual scenarios and come up with a list of pros and cons. Dr. Smith and Robert Colavita circulated among

the groups and provided answers to questions as well as ensured that Committee members had all requested information available to them to make informed decisions. Breaking down into sub groups to study the various scenarios will continue until sufficient information has been gathered in order to begin ranking the solutions in order to present the findings of the Committee to the full Board sometime in August 2014.

Towards the end of the meeting lists of pros and cons were collected along with notations requesting additional information or data on various questions. Dr. Smith will supply the additional information/data to the sub committees in time for the next meeting.