

**Barrington School Building Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 27, 2022 4:00 p.m.**  
**Barrington Middle School Student Union**

Present were Ms. Bae, Ms. Crean, Dr. Dillon, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Fiore, Mr. Glum, Mr. Guthlein, Mr. Marchetti, Mr. McCrann, Mr. Messor Dr. Rosengard, Mr. Sangiuliano, and Mr. Valentine

Also present was Mr. Schmigle of KBA and Ms. Nugent, RIDE Early Learning Coordinator

Mr. Fiore called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**A. Stage II Update/Scope**

**a. RIDE Presentation/Discussion Pre-K: [Educational Services to Very Young Children](#)**

- Presented by Ms. Lisa Nugent, RIDE Early Learning Coordinator
- Working on plan for universal preschool that will need to be submitted to legislation for by Dec 30, 2022 - best practices
- Child is the responsibility of the LEA as soon as the child turns three years old
- Ms. Nugent reviewed the required obligations of the LEA for children ages 3 - 5 and referenced Public Law 94-142 as well as RI regulations and discussed the acronym FAPE the requirement of free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment for the individual child
- There is a greater chance that if child's needs are identified at an early age that you will close gaps and fix needs which in turn should save funds as child gets older
- Every district must have a screening process for children ages 3 - 5. Barringtons Child Outreach Program screens 50% vs. 30% in most other districts
  1. Screening includes: vision, hearing, social emotional, cognitive and speech and language
- Ms. Nugent reviewed inclusion classrooms vs. integrated classrooms within either public preschool or childcare setting
  1. Of the more than seven (7) private community based early learning centers in town only 2 are Bright Star certified (Quality rating system for child care centers) rating and only one (1) is a high quality center
- If RI moves to UPK (universal preschool) every four (4) year old is required to have a seat in a full day program for free; current number seats available (Statewide) 2,400 for 7,000
- Public Comments
  1. Susannah Holloway - 64 Fales Avenue Ms. Holloway asked if there was a law in place mandating that Barrington has to have special education classrooms for ages 3 & 4 students
    - a. Ms. Nugent stated that every LEA has a special education classrooms
    - b. Barrington could use the itinerant model but LEA would still have to support private community based centers with dual certified teachers, one on one aid, speech, OT, and PT
    - c. If parent cannot afford private placement then LEA is financially responsible for services
    - d. Kristen Matthes has reached out to the private preschools in town but they have not been open to support students with IEP needs

2. Megan Lavigne, 17 Highview Avenue. If Barrington hit capacity for preschool how would another IEP student be serviced and would best practice for PreK be in more than one facility
    - a. Ms. Nugent stated the number of facilities within the community depends on size of city or town
  3. TJ Peck. Mr. Peck asked how the state will meet the challenge if RI moves to mandatory universal preschool.
  4. A member of the community asked if there was to be a Pre-K -K facility would the District provide busing for 3 and 4 year olds
    - a. Dr. Dillon stated Barrington is currently providing transportation for all Kindergarten students and preschool students based on need
  5. Erica Twohig, 4 Eleanor Drive - Ms. Twohig asked why isn't Barrington using itinerant program to relieve the stress at Primrose Hill
    - a. Ms. Nugent explained that the itinerant model is new and Early Childhood centers need to agree to allow LEA to go into centers and it will take time to get off the ground.
- b. Stage II Priority I and II items
    - Mr. Schmigle reviewed the [High School Priority I and II Analysis](#)
    - Stage II Submission needs to include priority I & II items that need to be addressed
    - Enrollment - due to time constraints this topic was deferred to another time
  - c. KBA Update - including timeline due to time constraints this topic was deferred to another time

B. Discussion - Communication and community engagement opportunities

- Ms. Bae asked for volunteers to create a communication task force
- Educational leaders to start meeting soon
- Dr. Rosengard suggested hybrid meetings to allow community to view online if not able to attend in person

C. Discussion - Future meeting dates and times (Tuesday at 4 p.m.)

- A poll was conducted with committee members and Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. worked for the majority of the group so this will be the standing day and time moving forward

D. Approval of Minutes 9.8.2022 - due to time constraints this topic was deferred to another time

E. Public Comment

- No one from the public made additional comments

**Mr. Dwyer asked for a motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. Motion was so moved by Mr. Wilmarth, seconded by Mr. Guthlein, and approved unanimously.**