

Task Force Minutes

Emerson School Bolton, December 18, 2014

Attendees: M. Wood, L. Romasco, M. Bush, P. Graham, J. Specht, D. LeBlanc, H. LeBlanc, D. Hawkes, B. Walbridge, M. Jones, L. Colletti, M. Kenyon, B. Cleary, B. Czekanski

Item 1 B. Czekanski requested minutes be taken at each meeting. The group agreed. The minutes will be taken at each meeting.

Item 2 The task force discussed if an Interim Report was necessary. The consensus of the group is that a report to the School Committee is desirable. L. Romasco recommended frequent updates to the School Committee, but no decision was made on this proposal. Review of B. Czekanski's proposed Interim Report was on the agenda tonight, but was not addressed. The review of the Interim Report was moved to the January meeting.

Item 3 P. Graham presented his views on how space requirements affect the curriculum. He covered issues around the current curriculum, the hoped-for curriculum, administrative and student support tasks. Jodi Specht provided examples students unable to take desired courses due to space limiting the number of sections of desired courses. The high school currently serves 1,080 students.

Item 4 The Task Force reiterated its purpose: to determine whether or not there is a need in the High School for more space and, if there is a need, determine what kind of space is needed.

Item 5 The group discussed the potential for more frequent meetings and agreed to revisit this issue.

Item 6 The group determined dates and agendas for the next three meetings.

January 22, 2015, meeting established, agenda determined:

- Vote on meeting minutes from November 20th and December 18th meetings
- Review interim report for upcoming distribution to School Committee
- B. Cleary report out on current status of the systems in the high school
- M. Wood to provide input on projected student population

February 5, 2015, meeting established, agenda determined:

- J. Specht to report out on course enrollment where students aren't able to take classes/desired classes by subject
- P. Graham to report out on meetings with department heads and determine department head priorities by subject

March 19, 2015, meeting established, agenda determined:

Item 7 Next meeting will be on January 22, 2015. Thank you for attending.