

East Lyme Board of Education  
**ELPS Elementary Redistricting Ad Hoc Committee Meeting**  
Wednesday, January 25, 2017  
Central Office Conference Room

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Jeffrey Newton (Supt), Jill Carini (BOE Member), Al Littlefield (BOE Secretary), Kim Davis (Interim Director of Sp Svcs), Melissa DeLoreto (HA Principal), Jeff Provost (Interim NCS Principal), Lisa Vaudreuil (FL Teacher), Susie Parodi (FL Teacher), Lori Shedd-Nickerson (FL Paraprofessional), MaryBeth Franco (FL Parent), Korie Witcraft (FL Parent), Katie Douton (HA Teacher), Judy Deeb (HA Teacher), Tara Dowling (HA Paraprofessional), Laura Schultz (HA Parent), Danielle Holsapple (HA Parent), Julie Horner (NC Teacher), June O'Connor (NC Teacher), Toni Chamberlin (NC Paraprofessional), Lynn Sullivan (NC Parent), Kelly Trusilo (NC Parent), Linda Johansen (ELTA President) Invited: Theresa Landry (First Student)

**Members Absent:** Linda Anania (FL Principal)

**Review Proposed Redistricting Plan**

Superintendent Newton informed the committee that the alteration projects for the three elementary schools was approved by the Board of Education this past Monday by a unanimous decision and has been forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for review on February 1.

Facilitator Amy Drowne said that elementary redistricting/alteration projects is the new norm and upon leaving today's meeting, committee members will have an understanding of the common commitment to the proposed redistricting plan, statements and timeline.

**Small Group Work – 15 minutes**

The committee broke into their five small groups to review the entire draft plan proposal and to recommend:

- edits or revisions
- one summary statement
- timeline as to when redistricting should occur

The committee reviewed edits/revisions, summary statements and timeline from each of the five groups.

**Large Group Work**

The committee reassembled and reviewed small group edits/revisions, summary statements and timeline.

Discussion ensued regarding the following issues/concerns:

- school assignments for new students moving into town
- overcrowding at Flanders School and possible use of preschool space

- additional time needed for school collaboration and professional development (ie. consistency in programming across schools)
- always doing what is best for children

### **Committee Consensus**

The Committee recommends not redistricting until construction is completed or it is appropriate for students to redistrict under a tiered process as building projects move forward.

### Committee Volunteers for February 13 Presentation to EL BOE

Interim Special Education Director Kim Davis asked for five volunteers to represent the committee on February 13 when the proposed redistricting plan will be brought forward to the Board of Education.

Superintendent Newton and Facilitator Amy Drowne, on behalf of the students, administration and staff, thanked the committee for their work and for bettering education in East Lyme.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary