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Long Range Planning Committee

Minutes April 30th 2018

Present: Joe Phelan, Tom Burnell, Laura Schulkind, Deirdre d'Albertis, Diane Lyons

The committee reviewed data from forecast five. We looked at class size and teacher student ratio's compared with other districts in Dutchess County. According to the data our class size and teacher student ratios are below average and among the lowest in the county.

We discussed the new timeline for class selection and the upcoming deadline for teacher notification of assignment. This will be the first year the guidance department has done schedules this early. In the next few weeks the board will be asked to decide if classes with enrollment of 12 students or less will be offered next year or not. The group would like the board to have as much information as possible before making those decisions, what would it mean for the students that had signed up? Would they only be left with study hall? What would happen with the teacher? Could it be an opportunity to split a larger core class into two smaller sections? The group felt that this could be a positive opportunity for the school. It will require some flexibility with changes and may result in some electives only being offered every other year. Students will really need to decide early what classes they want to take the following year.

At the last BOE meeting the board approved the citizen's advisory committee for long range planning. Joe will be sending the information out to parents and community. Anyone interested in participating should email the long range planning committee at lrp@rhinebeckcsd.org or contact the district office 845-871-5520 by May 25th.

Next meeting May 15th

Sincerely,

Diane Lyons