

GROTON-DUNSTABLE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes - Prescott School

September 10, 2009 - 6:30 PM

(Approved 10/7/09)

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Present – Paul Funch, Berta Erickson, Jim Frey, Alison Manugian, Dr. Genovese, Kathleen Hartner, Lynn Lutz
(SC Members unable to attend - Erik Dichter, Pete Carson, Jon Sjoberg)

Handouts - Agenda dated 9/10/09
Memo from L. Wickfield summarizing current school choice enrollments
Spreadsheet comparing student enrollment in FY09 and FY10

II - Discussion of potentially available school choice seats for FY10

- See handouts for data discussed
- SC can declare openings for school choice by July 1 or prior to Nov. 1. Oct is too late for GDRSD with the block schedule used at the high school
- Currently 5 school choice students at elementary level and 28 at middle or high school
- Dr. Genovese recommending openings below following discussion with HS Principal
 - 3 openings at 9th grade level
 - 6 openings at 10th grade level
 - 11th grade has high enrollment – no openings recommended
 - 12 grade is late to change to GDRSD and meet graduation requirements – no openings recommended
- B. Erickson expressed concern that kids moving out of district are not given preferential treatment and allowed to keep their existing seat in the class
- Current MGL doesn't allow this – they must enter wait list and lottery as all others do
- Allowing such preferential treatment could lead to families moving into Groton for a short period to then gain a permanent seat in a high performing district

Motion made and seconded to declare 3 openings at the 9th grade level and 6 openings at the 10th grade level for FY10.

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| Paul Funch (motion) | Yes | Alison Manugian | Yes |
| Berta Erickson (second) | Yes | | |
| Jim Frey | Yes | Motion passed – 4:0:0 | |

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 6:47pm.

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| Paul Funch (second) | Yes | Alison Manugian | Yes |
| Berta Erickson (motion) | Yes | | |
| Jim Frey | Yes | Motion passed – 4:0:0 | |