

Name of Committee: OSC School Program Task Force

Meeting Date: June 25, 2014

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Town Hall Room 408

Members Present:

X Beth Jackson Stram (Chair)

X Lisa Serafin Sheehan

X Jim Stergios

X Timothy Sullivan

Others Present: Dick Benka (OSC Co-Chair)

**Agenda:**

- Minutes
- Discuss and potentially vote appendices to report out
- Other business

**Minutes:**

Discussed feedback from the full OSC on the task force's executive summary related to Section 3: Program Supports. Other OSC members requested greater clarification on which items were categorized as catch-up vs. enhancement.

Discussed analysis from Dick Benka presented to the full OSC on June 18. The analysis compared FY 2015 and FY 2006 ratios of students to program support staff. Task Force considered whether that data helps to inform classification of which positions are indeed "catch up" based on enrollment growth and which positions are program enhancements. Task Force members also considered that the PSB is operating in a changing context (e.g., state mandates, improving special education delivery, etc.) which are not reflected in a historic ratio comparison.

Task Force members agreed to revise Section 3 of its executive summary as follows:

- Include a more detailed description of PSB classifications of which investments are "catch up" and which investments are programmatic enhancements
- Indicate that the OSC does not necessarily agree with that classification, all the while acknowledging new mandates and strategies to prevent special education referrals
- Add financial implications of maintaining current service levels

Task Force members approved the revisions with a 4-0 vote, and agreed to present to the full OSC at the next meeting.