The meeting started with a detailed discussion of Tim’s spreadsheet on projected classroom use to meet the need. As a baseline, Tim explained that there are 247 classrooms in use and that an additional approximately 23 classrooms will be needed by FY19. Since the only new classrooms available in the next several years are the modular at Lawrence, the conversation centered around where classroom capacity existed and how many classrooms would be on-line at the Old Lincoln School. While this forecast represents a guess in some cases Peter Rowe concurred that it was perhaps a reasonable working assumption, although very much subject to change.

The Sub-Committee reviewed its summary outline. A discussion about where the new classrooms would be located ensued. Lisa said she would need to confirm the actual number for BEEP. The Sub-Committee understood the new classroom needs as follows following the B-Space process and the subsequent vote by the School Committee: Devotion (+5), Lawrence (+4), Driscoll (+12) and relocation of 2 BEEP’s (+2) = Sergio asked why 5 was the number for Devotion when it was going from a 4 to 5 classroom school. Tim noted that there are currently 40 classrooms at Devotion. It was agreed that some of the sub-optimal classrooms were being addressed at Devotion. Devotion’s prominence among the overall capital spending plan was noted. Nonetheless, the Sub-Committee
suggested that Devotion should probably go forward giving the direction of Betsy DeWitt, Mel Kleckner and Dr. Lupini.

Sergio raised the importance of considering and understanding policy choices on classroom need. Lisa suggested that the Capital Sub-Committee should not drive these policy choices but should understand how the might impact the capital need, even with the high cost of Devotion essentially off the table.