Name of Committee: OSC School Program Task Force

Meeting Date: March 19, 2014, 7:30am

Meeting Location: Town Hall Room 103

Members Present:

X Beth Jackson Stram (Chair)   X Lisa Serafin Sheehan
X Jim Stergios      X Timothy Sullivan

Agenda:

- Minutes
- Continue discussion of World Language, Tutorial and Collective Bargaining; finalize drafts on those topics
- Revise full list of options under consideration for School Program Task Force with latest cost estimates
- Next steps / other new business

Minutes:

The task force discussed the fact base on compensation and benefits.

- Members asked PSB staff questions clarifying which aspects of compensation and other cost drivers (like staff schedules, etc.) were subject to collective bargaining.
- Regarding health care costs, the task force agreed to reinforce the findings presented by the OSC pension and benefits subcommittee.

Then the group discussed options related to EWL.

- Members agreed we need to follow up with PSB staff to clarify the cost and details behind the potential EWL efficiency (achieved by replacing a special with an EWL slot).
- Members also acknowledged that at least one representative of the broader OSC requested that we consider an option to put EWL on the ballot again to allow voters the choice of whether or not to continue the program given budget pressures.

Tim updated the task force on total costs of the HS Tutorial Program, and potential savings given a reduction at various levels. The group acknowledged the large volume of support letters the OSC has received in favor of continuing the program.

Finally the group discussed updating the framework we use to cost out each of the options, and at what level of reductions we should present the costs.