

LCS Education Task Force
Enrollment Trends and Demographics (ETD) Subcommittee

Minutes – 09OCT2019

Attendees

Julie Doyle, Subcommittee chair
Keith Anderson
Paul McClure
Kim Payne
Charlie White
Reid Wodicka
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Unable to Attend

Rachel Gagan
Kevin Smith

The ETD subcommittee met for the first time on 09OCT2019 at 7:30 am at Market at Main.

Reid Wodicka advised the subcommittee members of the public nature of all meetings and communications and reviewed the pertinent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requirements.

The Task Force charter was reviewed, and the role of the Enrollment Trends and Demographics subcommittee was discussed.

Kim Payne noted that Virginia stopped conducting the triennial school census several year ago, replacing it with annual Weldon Cooper (WC) estimates. The subcommittee expressed an interest in evaluating the accuracies of the recent WC estimates for LCS.

A proposal for expanded services from Weldon Cooper (WC) was reviewed. The subcommittee requested that Reid Wodicka speak with the WC representative to get a complete understanding of the range of research services they could provide for the Task Force, and the associated costs.

The subcommittee discussed options for engaging the local community to better understand enrollment trends and choices. Pro and cons of surveys, meetings and other methods were discussed. Effective ways to connect with the local home school network, preschools and other existing organizations was considered.

The ETD subcommittee compiled a list of reports, policies and inquiries which the subcommittee believes will be useful to the Task Force. The list (copy attached) will be distributed to the appropriate parties within the city and/or LCS administration. (Some of these

requests may be able to be filled via an expanded engagement with Weldon Cooper.) The resulting information will then be posted to the One Drive for all subcommittees to use.

The city staff will ensure that all members of the ETD subcommittee have access to the One Drive.

Per the Task Force charter, the primary deliverable of the ETD subcommittee is to provide “empirical information to other subcommittees to inform their recommendations”. As such, a recommendation was made to assign a member of the ETD subcommittee to each of the other Task Force subcommittees in order to have an assigned primary point of contact. The following recommendations were made:

Operations, Facilities and Consolidation – Kim Payne

Leading Practices in Education – Paul McClure

Programming and Collaboration Opportunities – Keith Anderson

Finance – Charlie White

Talent Management – Rachel Gagan

A recommendation was made to consider adding a representative from one of the local private schools to the ETD or other Task Force subcommittee.

Although there was an interest in holding some future meetings via teleconference, Kim Payne and Reid Wodicka clarified that electronic and/or telephone meetings are not FOIA compliant. Therefore, future ETD subcommittee meetings will be in person.

At this time, the ETD chair does not plan to reconvene the subcommittee prior to the next Task Force meeting on 14NOV2019. Communication with the ETD subcommittee will follow regarding future meeting schedules.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Doyle, ETD Chair

Attachment – Information Request

ETD Information Request
09OCT2019

1. Public school enrollment data for surrounding counties - Bedford, Campbell, Amherst (10 years)
2. Lynchburg homeschoolers numbers (10 years)
3. Lynchburg religious exemption numbers (10 years)
4. Private school enrollment numbers (10 years)
 - List to include James River Day, VES, LCA, New Covenant
 - Possibly others to follow
5. Immigrant population numbers
6. Significant state and national demographic trends impacting K-12 school enrollment
7. # of Lynchburg residents attending county schools (Bedford, Campbell, Amherst)
8. # of Bedford, Campbell, Amherst resident attending LCS
9. Current policy re: non-resident tuition
 - Do LCS teachers residing in the counties get to send their children to LCS for free?
 - What is the current non-resident tuition for LCS?
 - What is the non-resident tuition charge for Lynchburg residents to attend Bedford, Campbell or Amherst schools?
10. What is the current LCS policy re: non-resident/tuition paying students attending LCS magnet programs (GO Center, Dearington, TC Miller, Dunbar)?
11. How is the 1971 court ordered desegregation ruling (Jackson v. LCS) monitored for compliance? How would any redistricting recommendations need to be reviewed to ensure compliance with the ruling?
12. What options (methods, costs, logistics) would be available for community-wide surveying?
13. Comparison of Weldon Cooper projections to actual LCS enrollment numbers (10 years).