

Subject: Suggested corrections to School Committee Regular Session minutes of 5/22/07.
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[Under Superintendent's Report / Redistricting Update]

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Dr. Malone stated that, as of today, the district had received requests from 96 5th grade students, who wanted to participate in the 5th grade pilot program.

Dr. Malone enumerated the number of students in each class, at each school, at his moment. [I did not manage to capture all those numbers. nsb] He noted that this is still a work in process, and that the numbers were likely to change.

[Under Superintendent's Report / Teacher Assignment Update]

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Dr. Malone stated that the language in the teachers' contract was ambiguous. Therefore, he met with teacher representatives and, jointly, they agreed upon the reduction decision making and notification processes. He noted that as a consequence of all the changes, some teachers would be reassigned, and that the contract with the teachers' allowed the district to make such reassignments. That is, although any teacher may continue to have a job, that same teacher may have to teach at a different school or grade. Dr. Malone hopes to be able to limit the reduction of teachers to less than 19.

Dr. Malone noted an unintended positive outcome, in the redistricting process. When the staff worked with the student data, they discovered and corrected about 10 coding mistakes.

[Under New Business / Job Description – Technology Specialist]

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Dr. Malone clarified that this is in addition to the current network administrator.

[Under New Business / Surplus Furniture & Equipment]

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Dr. Malone stated that there were two options: (a) put them, in bulk, up for auction, (b) store them in the basement. The auction option makes more sense.

Mr. Yaeger asked whether it would be reasonable and possible to get a general inventory of the surplus equipment, possibly with numbers. He also asked whether the dollar amount would be under the threshold that requires a more complicated bid process. Dr. Malone stated that he would try to get an inventory listing, and, yes, it appears that the dollar amount would fall under the threshold that requires the more complicated bid process.

Ms. Sackett asked if the revenue would go to Swampscott Public Schools. Dr. Malone confirmed that the revenue would go to Swampscott Public Schools.