

# K-12 Building Sub-Committee Minutes

June 5, 2013

## 2014 Stonington POCD Input

The Stonington K-12 Building committee met on June 5, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Stonington High School Commons to discuss the K-12 building committee input to the 2014 Stonington Plan of Conservation and Development. Below is a summary of discussion held during the meeting:

Stonington Public Schools use seven buildings to educate students and conduct the business of the district. Administration is conducted in one building, and six buildings are used for students in three age groupings, as described below:

School	Grades	Current Enrollment	Capacity <sup>1</sup>	Cumulative Capacity <sup>1</sup>
West Vine Street School	P-2		281-312	1,227 - 1,272
West Broad Street School	3-4		347-360	
Deans Mill School	P-4		599-600	
Pawcatuck Middle School	5-8		349-480	803-1,080
Mystic Middle School	5-8		454-600	
Stonington High School	9-12		800-880	800-880
Total	K-12		2,830-3,282	

Source: Stonington Schools

Notes:

1. Low value is based on square feet per student, high value is based on class sizes of 22-24 students

Capacity and Cumulative capacity numbers were obtained from the 2004 POCD, and should be re-verified

According to the Connecticut Department of Education (DOE) projections, Stonington's school enrollments are expected to remain unchanged from 2014 through 2024.

In the elementary grades (Preschool - 4), enrollment is expected to \_\_\_\_\_ over the next 10 years. Due to the age of the West Broad Street School, the town is evaluating alternatives to continuing the use of this building as a school. Stonington schools does not expected to exceed the cumulative capacity of the three elementary schools.

In the middle school (5-8), enrollment is expected to \_\_\_\_\_ over the next 10 years. Stonington schools does not expected to exceed the cumulative capacity of the two middle schools.

High school (9-12) enrollment is expected to \_\_\_\_\_ over the next 10 years. Stonington schools does not expected to exceed the cumulative capacity of the recently renovated and expanded high school.

The spirit of a community is visible by the appearance of the school buildings. Therefore, during the planning period, the town of Stonington and the Stonington schools should develop a short term and long term plan to upgrade and maintain school buildings and facilities in order to maintain a sustainable high level of education for its students.

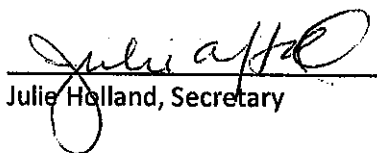
Sites that are adjacent to certain school properties that could be acquired in advance of their need are a prudent investment when considering future construction projects that may offer combination of services, and can be used for open space and recreation in the meantime.

Specific changes for that should be considered over the next 10 years are:

1. Add space at West Vine Street School to merge the two Pawcatuck elementary schools into one building, and invest in upgrades at Deans Mill School to improve the ability to implement full day kindergarten, upgrade the security posture, library, and spaces used by staff, meet current fire codes, meet current handicapped access requirements, and comply with educational standards established by the state of Connecticut.
2. Evaluate moving the administrative staff at the central office located in Old Mystic to other school locations or co-located with new municipal office space.
3. When renovating or adding space to elementary, middle, or high school buildings, use appropriate standards of construction to deliver instruction for the 21st century learner.

Graphs that were provided in the 2004 POCD were:

1. Line graph of projected enrollment vs. time (2003 - 2013), for K-4, 5-8, and 9-12
2. A bar graph of "Historic and projected (K-12) school enrollment", with color codes of blue (1993 - 2003), and yellow (2003 - 2013)

  
Julie Holland, Secretary