

**Chaplin, Hampton, and Scotland
Enrollment Analysis and Facility Utilization Study
Working Group Meeting**

**May 27, 2014 – 6pm
Hampton Elementary School**

Meeting Summary

In attendance: Dick Brown, Alan Cahill, Kate Donnelly, Sandi Dunnack, Joan Fox, Dr. Paul Graseck, Elise Guari, Dr. Kenneth Henrici, Phoebe Huang, Erin Jones, Eric Kemp, Jennifer Nelson, Dr. Richard Packmann, Angelina Pearce, Bill Rose, Joe Savino, Pete Reardon, Sherry Smardon, Dan Syme. Also in attendance were Rebecca Augur from Milone and MacBroom, Inc. and Dr. Frank Sippy.

The meeting began with a tour of Hampton Elementary School led by Principal Elise Guari.

Dr. Frank Sippy gave a presentation on 21st century education models, Common Core standards and a summary of focus group work with Chaplin, Hampton and Scotland administrators. The Working Group discussed the following priority concerns for all four school districts and potential alternatives moving forward:

Issues

- ✗ Costs – overall costs, per pupil expenses relative to other communities, special ed costs, unfunded mandates and overall viability of current structure
- ✗ Declining enrollments, loss of family taxpayer base
- ✗ Curriculum alignment
- ✗ Structural ability to implement Common Core standards
- ✗ Administrative and operational redundancies
- ✗ Accountability - of teachers to administrators, administrators to Bds of Ed, districts to state and federal mandates

Potential Alternatives

- ✗ One regionalized PK-12 district – one Board of Ed, one Superintendent
- ✗ One regionalized PK-8 district, high school choice
- ✗ Three PK-8 districts, high school choice
- ✗ Regional agreement (not regionalization, per se) for PK-6 (potential for school consolidation)
- ✗ Alternative grade configurations under cooperative agreements and/or regionalization (elementary, middle and high school, or elementary, intermediate, middle and high).