The Facilities Subcommittee met on Monday, October 19, 2026, in a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Jennifer Cullum, Andre King, Sara Ahern, Doug Boulanger, Chris Dwelley, and Jen Kruczek.

Ms. Cullum called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

Approve Meeting Minutes

- Motion by Mr. King, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2026.

Update on Consultant Research

- Dr. Ahern reached out to Cape Cod colleagues and many use NESDEC. She reached out to them. As a member affiliate (membership is just under $3000 annually), they provide districts with an enrollment forecast annually. They take the current numbers each year and plug them into a formula. She is looking to see if they provide a demographic study service and has a phone call tomorrow to follow-up with them. Their enrollment forecasts are not that sophisticated, as they are not looking at building permits and construction or the age of the community. She spoke to Cropper earlier. Their cost is $17,000 for a deeper dive into enrollment forecasting. They do data collection and assessment and look at the assessor's office, historic data, census, and building projects.
- Mr. King asked which districts Dr. Ahern spoke to. Dr. Ahern stated she heard back from Falmouth and Bourne.
- Mr. King stated Bourne and D-Y are the most recent construction, as well as Nauset. Dr. Ahern stated Mark in D-Y is interested in the Cropper proposal. D-Y would have used MSBA's people for their construction. Nauset also used Cropper for a recent proposal.
- Mr. King stated other districts off Cape like Plymouth, Duxbury, and Marshfield all have new schools.
- Ms. Cullum asked if the Collins Center does this type of work. Dr. Ahern said she can take a look.

Draft a Potential Change for the Facilities Subcommittee Moving Forward

- Ms. Cullum pulled up the potential future charge for the Facilities Subcommittee.
- Mr. King stated the first two items look good and the third item is what is lacking - the collaboration with others.
- Ms. Cullum spoke with Seth Burdick about the Liaisons being more involved in the School Committee meetings at an event she attended this weekend.
- Dr. Ahern thought the charge was good. Seth Burdick mentioned that he would like to hear more from the School Committee. Communication from elected official to elected official is important.
- Dr. AHern suggested changing #2 to make recommendations to the Policy Subcommittee on policy related Facilities matters.

Next Steps

- Ms. Cullum would like to include Pierce Cote in the messaging of communication about looking at a new school.
- Dr. Ahern stated the School Committee is not at a public engagement level. The Facilities Subcommittee needs to convince the School Committee to put an application into the MSBA. There are many steps before it gets to the community.
- Ms. Cullum asked if there is an appetite for the Committees to have a Workshop together; to hire a communications person for the May vote on the debt exclusion.
- Mr. King stated the Facilities Subcommittee had a meeting with CFAC previously and asked if they would be doing that again. Ms. Cullum stated she asked them last time. They are all volunteers, not elected officials.
- Dr. Ahern stated the Committee can inform and educate. There will be more information to share in the budget meetings coming up.

- Ms. Cullum stated in a recent meeting the Town showed what would be cut if the debt exclusion does not go through. The Town Council needs to lead the movement on this.
- Ms. Cullum stated she would like an update on the doors, windows, and bathrooms from Mr. Boulanger at the next meeting.
- The next meeting will be November 9 at 4:00PM.

Motion by Mr. King, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Subcommittee voted to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:49PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Kruczek
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