

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Peterborough, New Hampshire

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Strategic Plan Committee
SAU Office

Thursday, March 3, 2016
6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – February 4, 2016
2. 2016 Priorities & Schedule – Continued
3. Reorganization/Consolidation Framework / Process
4. Finalizing Plan (final edits, posting and printing details)
5. Other
6. Non-Public

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MINUTES

Present: Pierce Rigrod, Tim Iwanowicz, Kimberly Saunders, Marian Alese, Dr. Ann Allwarden

Pierce Rigrod called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes – January 7, 2016

Pierce Rigrod approved the minutes of January 7, 2016.

2. Presentation on Implementation of Plan - Year 1/2 Priorities

A goal to become a model of educational excellence within 5-7 years by creating learning environments in which all children, regardless of status, can learn and succeed was shared. Stages toward excellence were referenced. Foundational and Growth stages look at sustaining improvements and not just building the foundation for improvement. Marks that will identify when we will know that we have accomplished these goals were shared.

Strengthening the foundation includes pedagogical, data and accountability, and organizational foundations.

Immediate goals, from now until June 2017, include the implementation of the District Strategic Plan, creation and implementation of a clear assessment framework K-12, examine district configuration, complete the ATC plan, and to develop and begin implementation of a comprehensive communication plan.

A status of where the district is in terms of what has been completed, what is in progress, and items that are in their infancy were shared for each of the types of goals.

The present calendar will be reviewed and changes recommended. They may include loading Professional Development (PD) days up front, check-in PD days in the middle of the year, and reflection PD Days at the conclusion of the school year.

Discussion took place about extended school day/year as appropriate.

Articulation agreements with colleges and universities were discussed.

Organizational Structure Questions/Assumptions were discussed. If we were forming ConVal today, what would it look like? Questions that need answers include:

- Remain a K-12 Cooperative
 - Funding Formula
 - Cooperative options
- School configuration
 - Programming
 - Grade levels
 - Class sizes

Specials at middle and elementary levels
Special Education Programs
Online learning

- Transportation
 - Distance
 - Pre-K transport
 - Between Schools

Non-starters and sacred cows need identification.

Great discussion took place about school configuration.

Multi-age as a philosophy, K-4, needs discussion.

Framing the problem is a good place to start the discussion.

Looking at creating ConVal from a blank sheet while considering both the problem and the vision was discussed.

A problem statement will be developed and be brought back to this committee.

3. Final Content/Formatting of Final Plan Document and "Flyer"

A one page flyer was reviewed. Reviewing the document through the lens of the reader was suggested. Instead of putting statements from the plan, generically talking was discussed. The goals on page one are straight forward. The focus areas need clarity.

The Strategic Plan has been reformatted. Further review will take place before it is finalized, edited, and formatted.

Theatre, stages, arts, and science are areas that have been identified in need.

Pulling out and bolding some of the findings from the survey was suggested.

March 1st is the drop dead date for final editing and printing. A final product is expected.

Marian Alese will send a .pdf version to Pierce Rigrod and a Word version to Ann Allwarden for review.

4. CV Special Honors Webpage

An Honors webpage was suggested as an add-on to the ConVal website. Principal of the Year, Athletic outstanding achievements, Middle School of the Year etc. All levels, elementary, middle, and high school should be represented.

5. Other

Motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok