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106 Hancock Road
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CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Strategic Plan Committee
SAU Office/Boardroom

Thursday, January 11, 2018
6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

School Board Committee Members:

- Pierce Rigrod
- Richard Dunning
- Bernd Foecking
- Jim Fredrickson
- Kristen Reilly

1. Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2017

2. Strategic Plan Progress/Items to Note

3. Goal 1 Revision – SAU Proposed approach/change

4. Potential Date Changes

5. Reconfiguration

- Strategic Plan Questions (SAU) – Questions being worked on/timeline (Feb. to address)
- Financial Realities (187 vs. 205 days) and modification of Reconfiguration to match expected school year
- Impact analysis – housing and Districts losing small towns (Status of Consultant?)

6. Strategic Plan Progress & Budget Results (what will happen if passed) & Communications

7. Visioning (Community Process) - Discussion of how and when that will take place

8. Other

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Committee Members Present: Pierce Rigrod, Richard Dunning, Bernd Foecking (6:21 p.m.), Jim Fredrickson, Kristen Reilly

Others Present: Kimberly Saunders, Myron Steere, Rich Cahoon, John Jordan (SAC), Ed Juengst

Pierce Rigrod called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2017

Jim Fredrickson moved to approve the minutes of November 9, 2017. Dick Dunning second. A correction to the misspelling of Jim Fredrickson's name was asked. Unanimous as amended.

2. Strategic Plan Progress/Items Behind

Kimberly Saunders distributed a table of Completed Tasks and another titled Strategic Plan Late Tasks. This information will be passed to the Communication Committee. Expanding middle/high school summer opportunities is one to be communicated. Expanding partnerships and information on what it means to be a SWIFT District were noted as other items valuable to communicate. Recent work with the ATC might be communicated. Local connections made with the ATC work are valuable. Discussion took place about what items are contained in a default budget.

Items that are behind, include items that are with the Education Committee. Other items are in good shape but are not complete. Other items are late because we have not completed the prerequisites to finish. How could we use excess space in the district is part of researching the space that we currently have. Other items were discussed.

International Baccalaureate remains on the list because the board has not directed otherwise.

3. Configuration Questions (SAU/status)

Kimberly Saunders reported that the questions posed in September on configuration are being worked on. The projected savings are being reassessed.

What questions need answers when considering consolidation models? The savings estimated for staffing was likely overstated because it would likely be junior teachers. Related insurance plans for these staff are likely overstated as well.

If a town leaves as a result of consolidation, what would it look like?

A market analysis for property in a town where the school was closed is needed.

The value for students should a school be closed should be estimated. What do students gain through consolidation?

The questions asked will be brought to future Strategic Plan Committee meetings.

Before and after school day care, PLC's, bus costs and bus travel time, who has implemented this type of model before, itinerant staff issues, number of school/staff days in the model (additional 18 days), food service implications were among the topics that questions were asked.

Kimberly Saunders and Dr. Ann Forrest have approached the Commissioner of Education and there may be some support available to help answer some of these questions.

The implementation was discussed as a question.

What are the real additional costs to consolidation? Most of it was for additional staff time.

4. SAU Recommendations on Goals 1.3.1, 1.3.3 and 1.3.4 (SAU)

Achieving milestones in performance and testing were discussed. What is the best way to assess kids for achievement is a continued discussion? How do we measure a year's worth of growth?

The Education Committee is slated to continue this discussion at their January 22nd meeting.

Rich Cahoon spoke about measuring a year's worth of growth for a high school student vs. an elementary student. This will be revisited at this committee.

5. Board Goals (review, action items)

Passed over.

6. Other

a. SAU and Committee feedback on achievements

b. Budget impact on strategic planning

Kimberly Saunders reported that part of leveraging technology includes the 1-1 initiative. Professional Development dollars are specifically directed toward multi-age. High school renovations, ATC partnerships, and community college partnership pieces are in the budget. Everything that was placed in the budget by administrative council had to be linked to the Strategic Plan.

Pierce Rigrod said that he would be happy to write on these topics to bring to the Communications Committee to push out.

Dick Dunning motioned to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Jim Fredrickson second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok