

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
106 Hancock Road
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CONTOOCCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL BOARD

Strategic Plan Committee
SAU Office/Boardroom

Thursday, April 12, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Minutes

School Board Committee Members:

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

Present: Richard Dunning, Bernd Foecking, Jim Fredrickson, Janine Lesser, Kristen Reilly, Rich Cahoon, Myron Steere, Kimberly Saunders, Dr. Ann Forrest, Cari Christian-Coates, Jerry Wilson, Ed Juengst, Kevin Pobst, John Jordan

Bernd Foecking called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2018

Dick Dunning moved to accept the minutes of March 15, 2018. Jim Fredrickson second. Janine Lesser and Kristen Reilly abstained. All else in favor. Motion carried.

2. Selection of Strategic Plan Committee Chair

Dick Dunning moved to nominate Pierce Rigrod as committee Chair. Bernd Foecking second. Unanimous.

3. Old Business

- a. Reconfiguration Costs (Model Questions/Refinements)

Passed over.

Kimberly Saunders has calls out to several schools to schedule visits.

- b. Community Visioning Timeline (possible revision) and Approach

Kimberly Saunders is working with the Scholastic Group; one training has taken place and another is scheduled. A survey went out to parents from the principals about community engagement. Four sessions with the trainer will conclude with additional discussion in June.

John Jordan reported having contacted Southwestern Regional Planning. They will look into seeing what is available for resources. Grant possibilities might exist.

4. New Business

- a. April 17- items for School Board Review – Discussion

Goals 3 and 4 will be looked at during the April 17th School Board meeting.

Under Goal #3, consideration should be that the status quo might not be possible. We might need a Plan C if declining enrollments increase in the elementary schools. An accelerated discussion should take place about

the potential for one room schoolhouses. Birth rate data over a period of time for each town was shared. It would be in the district's best interest to declare the parameters up front.

A recommendation around Goal #3 might be to conduct a demographic study. Someone should be charged with checking the figures so that those collecting the data are not also driving the policy.

Discussion took place about demographic data.

Dick Dunning recommended that Strategic Plan bring this to the full board for a board recommendation.

b. Strategic Plan Updates (plan edits summary to date, further edits, and timeline)

Seven edits were sent back to the Strategic Plan Committee from the Board. Suggestions will develop and come forward in June.

Goal 2 – Discussion took place about surveying students on areas of interest up to Grade 8. Questions about how students learn could be a part of this. It fits with the progression for students moving into the high school. It is more of a continuance. Ultimately, the child is presented with a profile on their areas of strengths and weak areas with strategies to get stronger in those areas. It is a tool where the learner profile changes. They will get more proficient in areas. The idea is for them to know more about how they learn.

2.3.2 – create partnerships with local businesses; is every school responsible for creating a local business connection? Or, can we say that we are in good shape with overall connections?

Dick Dunning said that he felt that we are in good shape. The evaluation criteria should be changed to reflect the practice that the ATC creates connections.

2.5.8 – provide parents and community opportunities for input via surveys. Kimberly has sent surveys and the schools have sent surveys, but the board has not. The evaluation criteria was shared; dependable level of response to surveys. The Leadership Team and School Board are responsible.

Recommendation: a quarterly review to see if this goal should remain. The goal will be marked complete but reviewed annually.

2.6.3 – a date needs determination to meet with the Strategic Plan Committee so that all understand what would be required to create a 501-3C. What is the purpose of this? The function was discussed. Legal pieces need investigation.

Assurance would be needed so that these funds did not supplant.

c. School Visits to Inform Model Discussion

Visitations will be scheduled.

5. Public Comment

A Dublin resident asked about a Demographic Study. She said that information exists in the towns. She recognizes that the population and student enrollment in Dublin is on the decline. Discussion ensued.

6. Other

None.

7. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3,II (if needed)

None.

Dick Dunning motioned to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Kristen Reilly second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok