

WCSU Elementary Act 46 Study Committee-
School Consolidation for Improved Student Opportunities-
November 10, 2016

6:30 at The Marlboro School, 2669 Route 9, Marlboro, Vt. 05344

"This grant is for working towards a merger of the Dover Marlboro and Wardsboro school districts, to form a unified school district operating either PreK-6 or PreK-8 and tuitioning grades 7-12 or 9-12."

We are community members from Wardsboro, Marlboro and Dover who may serve our towns in a variety of capacities, who were tasked with working towards a agreement that will form a new educational school district for our towns that meets the goals of Act 46 which is to provide better and more educational opportunities for students in these three towns.

Board members present: Celena Romo, Dan MacArthur, Lucy Gratwick, Chip Vicary, Jill Dean, Randy Capitani, Dwight Borem, Rich Warner, John Everitt VSBA consultant

Members of the public: Anita Rafael, Laura Harkwick (DVal news) Doug Korb, Carol Ann Johnson, Gussie Bartlett, Kate Morgan, Jean Boardman

6:35- Call meeting to orders and introductions

6:35- Additions and Deletions to Agenda - none

6:40-Approve minutes of the November 3, 2016 meeting

Minutes approved unanimously with no changes.

6:45- Public Input - Carol Ann shares comments that she sent to board re; hopes for shared programming resources for the schools

ACTION: Articles of agreement will be posted by noon 11/11/2016 via blog site for public comment - Aligning with dates for submission 12/1 - comments go to mediadesk

7:00- Communications Update- Anita states that trifolds were well received, many folks took them and happy to have them in Wardsboro. Dover had flyers at election polls, and plans on putting the remainder out at town clerk's office and at school. Marlboro had flyers at town clerk's office for election day.

No comments, no feedback from the blog or VT Digger

Another round of posters, press releases Dec. Bucketville news deadline is 11/12/2016 Mixer deadline 12/15/2016, questions about setting out calendar dates? Leave hard copy in a binder at each school, town office & Library. Being mindful about people not having internet

access. Needing to have hard copies available, rep from each town will “stock” the town offices for folks to collect.

6:52- Information from previous meetings that needs to be answered-

- Reviewed assets and debts of each school - John proposes that the audits from each school be used rather than trying to analyze and compare - too much differentiation

7:00- Work on Articles – review articles, asking general questions of committee with certain articles

Discussion ensued of Carol Ann’s note re; how to share the positives of the new agreement, new unified board will decide how things will look - how to address programmatic sharing on the positive

Question: Vision statement? - working doc for all board members for next Thurs.

ACTION - Board members work on wording for vision statement - Aiming for vote next week with article 6 worked on and vision statement

Discussion ensued - Name for district

Overboro union district

Wadoma

Snow valley school

WMD

Can’t get there from here

HOMEWORK : Please submit names - contact schools?

8:35- Next/Future Meetings-

- November 17, 2016 Dover 6:30pm

8:31 - Adjourn- Submitted by Celena Romo, Clerk