

WITHDRAWAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 8th, 2023

Canterbury Meeting House

Time: 6:00 pm

Attendees: Randi Johnson, Mark Ekberg and Cheryl Gordon

Meeting was called to order by Randi Johnson at 6:12 pm.

Agenda Item

I. Organization

a. Establishing Meeting Cadence and Location

- i. The group set their next meeting date and time of June 12th, 6:00 pm in Belmont. Randi Johnson will reach out to the Town of Belmont to find out if they have meeting space available for use during this time.

II. Updates

a. Overview of 2022 Study Committee Findings

- i. Randi Johnson gave an overview of the 2022 Withdrawal Committee and explained to the group the struggles we encountered in the process. The group discussed the change in tone from last year's town meeting to this year's in regards to the study. Many community members expressed that although they did not think we should withdraw from the district, they supported the study and were hopeful that we would be able to use the data from the study to make positive changes within the district. After reviewing the 2022 Report and taking the comments from the town meeting under consideration, the committee would like to dig deeper into community members' concerns.

b. Soliciting Letters of Interest for other Committee Members

- i. Randi Johnson gave an overview of the makeup of the community members involved in last year's committee including how they were selected. It was the community members who did the bulk of the work in regards to writing the report and they also did quite a bit of the research too. The group unanimously decided to solicit Community Members to participate in this year's study committee.
- ii. Randi Johnson took the action item to repurpose last year's community member notice and get them submitted to the district as soon as possible. We will make the following changes to the notices:
 1. We will not post a limit of 4 members, we would like to see what we get for interest and decide based on the letters.
 2. We will also seek out a community volunteer to serve as Secretary for the committee. If we are unable to find someone to fill that role, we will record the meetings and pull out the action items.

II. Next Steps

- a. Randi Johnson will reach out to the surrounding towns and see if they are still interested in allowing tuitioned students from Canterbury and get updated information from last year as well as reach out to the list of consultants we spoke with last year for availability.
- b. Randi Johnson will submit a request to the SAU for refreshed data that was received last year. In addition to the information from last year the following additional information will be requested as well:
 - i. A breakdown of information on Canterbury and Belmont students for the following:
 1. Standardized Testing Results
 2. Student Achievement
 3. Special Needs Population and Cost
 4. Transportation Costs including cost per mile
 5. Huot or other technical program outside of the school
 6. College Prep and AP Classes
 - ii. A breakdown based on school of the following:
 1. Percentage of Shared Services
 2. Combined Purchasing
 3. Offerings

Randi Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm