

WITHDRAWAL STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Canterbury Meeting House

July 10th, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee Members: Randi Johnson, Committee Chairperson, Mark Ekberg, Cheryl Gordon, Travis O'Hara, Tracey LeClair, Sumner Dole, Jessica Treadway

Consultant: Phil McCormack

Absent: Charlie Krautmann and Calvin Todd

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Randi Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

MEETING MINUTES

Review/Approval of the June 26th 2023 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Sumner Dole and seconded by Tracey Leclair to approve the June 26th, 2023 Withdrawal Study Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote..

The next meeting of the Withdrawal Study Committee will be July 24th, 2023 in Belmont at the Mill Building.

SURVEY

- Questions - Sumner Dole led the discussion on questions. He collected 49 questions from the group. The group discussed the concerns with the number of questions and the length of the time it would take to complete the survey. Phil McCormack indicated that during a previous study committee he worked on, they had only four questions. Sumner Dole indicated that we will need to do self analysis and need to take that into consideration. Sumner Dole grouped the questions into the 8 Categories below and the committee reviewed all questions, condensed where possible and removed questions that were not in scope. Sumner Dole will have the condensed list of questions ready for the next meeting.
 - Demographics
 - Transportation
 - Changing Schools
 - Reasons for Changing Schools
 - Extra Curricular Activities
 - Improvement
 - Satisfaction
 - Concerns
- Tooling - Randi Johnson provided an update that after looking at multiple tooling options that the one that seemed to best meet our needs was Google Forms. Google Forms

has built in analytics, no limit on how many responses and is no cost. Respondents will be required to enter an email address which will help prevent duplicate responses.

- Distribution - Randi Johnson provided an update from her last School Board Meeting. Superintendent Tursi stated he would be willing to send the Survey out on behalf of the Withdrawal Study Committee. The group discussed additional avenues that we intend to send this out to as well
 - Canterbury - Town Email, Facebook Page, Newsletter, Town Website
 - Belmont - Town Website, Newsletter and Selectboard Facebook page

REPORTS AND UPDATES

- Randi Johnson - No new information has been received at this time, Randi to follow up with the SAU and ask about document restrictions and expressed interest in preparing a draft report with the updated information we have received already so that we are writing it as we go along.
- Phil McCormack - Met with the Superintendent Tursi on July 5th. Superintendent Tursi supports the work of the group and sees his role as one to provide information. He did not feel that withdrawal would have a significantly negative impact on Belmont due to the number of kids that Canterbury has enrolled and
- Travis O'Hara - Provided an update on legislative changes regarding the vote on withdrawal. HB 530 has passed the senate and the house and is with the Governor for signature. This bill clarifies the process for the vote on withdrawal from a cooperative school district and states that a $\frac{3}{5}$ supermajority of the voters present and voting in the withdrawing preexisting school district vote in favor of withdrawal that it would go to the state board of education unless $\frac{3}{5}$ supermajority of the voters present and voting in the entire cooperative district vote against withdrawal.

NEXT STEPS AND OPEN QUESTIONS

- Future Agenda Items:
 - Options other than Withdrawal
 - Transportation Discussions
 - Other Districts with choice

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 7:39 pm by Tracey LeClair and seconded by Travis O'Hara to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randi Johnson
Withdrawal Study Committee Chair