

Committee to Study Withdrawal/Dissolution
Of Regional District 11
Chaplin, Hampton, and Scotland

Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2017

Parish Hill Middle/High School Library
Chaplin, CT

1. Meeting called to order at 6:03 – present Clare D’Appollonia, Cesar Beltran, Rose Bisson, Nick Brown, Jennifer Nelson, William Hooper, Steven Kurcinik
2. Audience for Citizens – none
3. Approval of Minutes of February 1, 2017 – Clare D’Appollonia made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on February 1, 2017, Cesar Beltran seconded the motion.

Nick Brown wanted to clarify the last sentence in Section 6 that he attended the meeting for purposes of reviewing the Appendix to the 2009 and updating would be a process handled by the entire committee.

The motion to approve passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of Quality Education parameters—the definition prepared by committee member Cesar Beltran was well received by all committee members. Cesar stated that he believed it was a good starting point, and a couple of suggestions were offered by the group:

respect for *world* languages instead of foreign language under bullet 5.

and a solid grounding in these and related fields, added to the end of bullet 3.

There was some discussion, it was called a mission statement, a good place to start, a metric to stand on. We have a framework and can tighten this as the process moves forward. Cesar will make revisions and get it back to the committee.

5. Discussion of Data Request re: Elementary School Budget Requests

Jen was collecting the data and discovered a website from the State Board of Education where she can retrieve the data. She did not have time to prepare copies for the group, but will have it disseminated to the group for next meeting.

There was some discussion on using the DRG's of comparable size. Need to look at middle and high school was agreed on.

To compare how much is spent compared to the Quality Education definition.

6. Discussion of Update of Information from 2009 Study -

Discussion about how much information was in the report and updating that information would be a necessary to examine the direction of the committee. Rose Bisson will work on the Enrollment section for the next meeting. Other sections may be assigned to committee members in the near future.

Rose also mentioned that certifications for teachers had changed and may be something we need to investigate further.

Another item to look into is what opportunities for students – extracurricular, sports, etc, can be examined.

Nick Brown noted that the documents in hand were pdf and not really in an editable format. Steven Kurcinik volunteered to look into what may be necessary to convert the pdf format into a Word document.

Jennifer thought the need for Boards to begin talking about solid plans of what may happen if dissolution were to go through.

William Hooper gave a brief synopsis of the qualitative analysis that is still in draft format, comments on process, comments on qualitative analysis, many polarizing opinions.

7. Next Steps

- Cesar will revise the definition
- Jen will get the finances distributed
- Rose will concentrate on enrollment section
- Steve will look at pdf to Word conversion
- plans for dissolution to be discussed with local boards.
- set a next meeting date: Weds, March 1, 2017. 6:00 PM

8. Audience for Citizens - none

9. Adjourn 7:32