

Friends of RSU 16

Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2018

Present: Jess Madsen, Carl Beckett, Mary Martin, Arthur Reed, Ken Healey, Craig Worth, Karen Hill, Jim Crouse, Clarissa Crouse, Yvon Gilbert, Hester Gilpatrick, Dave Gilpatrick, Norm Davis, Don Stover, Suzie Stover, Jenny Rose

Welcome/Introductions: Mary Martin provided a welcome and introduced Ken Healey, RSU 16 Superintendent.

RSU 16 Website Presentation: Karen Hill presented the framework for the new RSU 16 website, discussed the timeline for implementation, and elicited feedback from the group. Ideas from the group included: Highlighting upcoming events, providing a way for community feedback on issues and policies (blog), inclusion of Adult Education and linkage to school websites. The current RSU 16 website can only be updated by the webmaster. The responsibility for new website updates will be a shared responsibility between administrators and directors and will result in a website that is more current.

Middle School Addition/Renovation Community Flyer: Craig Worth and Karen Hill shared the Middle School Addition/Renovation Flyer that was developed to update the community on the timeline and plan for the project. The flyer describes the three phases of the project: Phase 1 (New 13,200 sf building), Phase 2 (Reconfiguration of administrative areas), Phase 3 (Small internal moves to facilitate connection to the existing school). The flyer will be reviewed by the RSU 16 Operations Committee and then distributed to the community. The group asked about the cost of the project. A specific breakdown of the costs will be shared at the next Friends of RSU 16 meeting.

Elm Street School Presentation: Jess Madsen, Elm Street School Principal, presented the outcomes of her transition conversations with staff. The three focus areas identified were staff culture, student behavior, and RTI (Response to Intervention).

Next Meeting/Agenda Ideas: The next meeting of Friends of RSU 16 will be October 19th at Elm Street School Conference room at 9:00. In order to boost attendance at that meeting the group was encouraged to bring a friend and Mary will reach out to some of the people who have not attended recently and extend the invitation personally. Possible agenda ideas include: Specific cost breakdown of Middle School project, listing of events and programs (plays ,concerts, curriculum fairs) that are offered in RSU 16 schools, facility use policy review, long-term plan for world language programs , attendance, high school start-time, and recognizing the contributions of RSU 16 PTOs' and Community Club.