

Friends of RSU 16

Meeting Minutes, October 19, 2018

Present: Matthew Garside, David MacMahon, Jean Williams, Marsha Mullen, Carl Beckett, Mary Martin, Arthur Reed, Ken Healey, Craig Worth, Jim Crouse, Clarissa Crouse, Hester Gilpatrick, Dave Gilpatrick, Norm Davis, Don Stover, Suzie Stover, Debbie Lamb, Amy Hediger

Welcome/Introductions: Mary Martin provided a welcome and expressed gratitude for the ongoing group support for RSU 16. Introductions were made and the communication purpose of the group was highlighted.

Facility Use Update: Ken Healey shared the procedure for RSU 16 facility use by organizations as outlined in the proposed update to the Facility Use Policy, which will be reviewed by the RSU 16 Operations Committee on October 22nd and the full Board on November 19th. The proposed language requires organizations that request a key to access buildings to have their representatives designated as RSU 16 volunteers and to go through the criminal background and fingerprint process. Mary shared that it is the RSU 16 School Board desire that the local tax payers have use of the facilities and that the policy protects the safety and security of facilities. Several people spoke about the importance of schools being accessible to the community.

PRHS Round Table Presentation: Liz Howe, Round Table advisor at PRHS, attended the meeting with two seniors to discuss Round Table. They described how the daily meetings assist with future planning through activities such as Sophomore Exhibition, Senior Celebration, college application requirements and job shadows. An important component of Round Table is that it provides students with a four year relationship with the same advisor. The students shared their personal experience with Round Table.

Middle School Renovation Cost Breakdown: Craig Worth, RSU 16 Operations Director, explained the cost centers for the Middle School Renovation Project. He outlined the details of construction, administrative costs, and fees and services. The total project cost and maximum bond amount is \$5,714,753. Next month the financing of the project will be discussed.

RSU 16 District Calendar: Ken Healey explained that the new website will include a calendar with events by school and the district. He distributed a sample of what the calendar will look like.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of Friends of RSU 16 will be November 16th at Elm Street School Conference room at 9:00.

If you would like to donate food items for the Backpack Program or children's literacy project, there will be containers available for the food and children's books.