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Long Range Planning Committee Meeting Minutes July 25, 2018

Attendees: Steve Jenkins, Laura Schulkind, Joe Phelan, Tom Burnell
Absent: Diane Lyons

Citizens Advisory Committee

Joe provided copies of the notes from each table at the initial CAC meeting. Once we have had a chance to digest the comments, we can begin planning the agenda for the September meeting. In the meantime, Joe will work up a draft of survey questions for the committee and circulate them to LRP for approval. Our hope is that CAC members will provide a brief narrative for each question to give us a better sense of why they chose to educate their kids in Rhinebeck and how they came to that decision. Tom will populate a Survey Monkey to compile responses prior to our September meeting.

Personnel assignments

Joe reviewed a number of personnel-related considerations for the '18-19 and '19-20 school years.

Forecast5

Tom provided Forecast5's "July Analytic of the Month" outlining state testing performance for Rhinebeck in comparison to the state median. When looking at one year's performance number, it is difficult to understand particular issues within a class cohort, if there were testing concerns, or if curriculum needs to be adjusted to address lower outcomes. In the majority of cases, Rhinebeck far exceeds the state median, but there are some data points worth looking into.

State Equalization Rates

Tom shared information regarding changes to the town of Rhinebeck's state equalization rates from 100% to 92%. Rhinebeck property taxes may be negatively effected due to the fact that the assessed value of homes in Rhinebeck has not been kept up annually. Our Combined Wealth Ratio (CWR) will certainly increase, so at the very least, we will be eligible for even less state aid. Tom will make a complete presentation to the Board at our August 14 meeting when we are required to set the tax rates for the year. We'll promote community attendance for this meeting in order to inform our taxpayers about the potential changes they will see in their fall tax bills. After the meeting, we'll post Tom's presentation and a clipped version of the presentation video for those who were unable to attend the meeting.

Statistical Neighbors - Haldane, Blind Brook, Rye Neck

Tom will reach out to the HS Principal at Haldane to try to get contact information for Dr. Diane Bowers, the former Superintendent in charge of the Haldane Long-Range Plan. If he has no luck, Joe will contact Haldane's current Superintendent. Joe will also reach out to the Superintendents of Blind Brook and Rye Neck. Have these schools developed a long range plan addressing their shrinking population? Tom will ask the people at Forecast5 whether or not there is a way to query the state-wide data regarding percentage population loss over time. Are our neighbors seeing the same enrollment declines we are?

Next Meetings

August 15 - set Fall CAC dates, agenda
August 29

Respectfully submitted by Laura Schulkind