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## **Long Range Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**

June 8, 2018

**Attendees:** Steve Jenkins, Laura Schulkind, Joe Phelan, Tom Burnell, Diane Lyons (arrived at 9:00)

**Absent:** Deirdre d'Albertis

### **June 25 Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting**

Of the original 20 people who expressed interest in participating on the CAC, one has had to decline leaving a total of 19 members - 5 teachers and 15 community members. Three have yet to respond to the invitation to meet on June 25 and 4 are unable to attend. Subsequent meeting dates will be set for end of August or early September depending on participant availability. Dr. Jaeger has suggested that we hold follow up meetings monthly so that we have a reasonable sense of community priorities/interests prior to heading into the 2019-20 Budget season. We plan to record each meeting and post them to our YouTube channel with links on Twitter and Facebook.

The committee considered potential structures for the meetings. The initial meeting will be largely presentation/orientation format. Depending on what we learn from our participants, we may break into smaller work groups to study particular issues, i.e. technology, distance learning, school structure, class sizes, finance, etc. For any study group, it is important that the focus remain on meeting our K-12 District goals within the constraints of our financial and enrollment situation. For future meetings, internal expertise can be invited to clarify particular issues as necessary.

### **Peer Aspirant Schools**

Deirdre had compiled a list of top performing schools in NYS - Jericho, Pittsford, Rye, Bronxville and Blind Brook which all seem similarly sized. Tom will build both district-wide and school-based data for these schools from Forecast5 so that we can look at programs they offer, resource allocation and outcomes.

### **Summer Planning**

The group is committed to looking at alternate ways to build the annual budget. We would like to begin by analyzing more self-contained portions of the budget, i.e. Athletics, Transportation, O&M. We would also like to brainstorm more positive ways for the principals to review their individual building's needs. The District will always face shortfalls within the confines of the tax cap. Rather than facing every budget with an eye toward cuts, which can be morale-crushing, we want to create ways to objectively look at the programs that the principals want in their buildings, and how we should allocate resources to provide those programs. Though they may have less money in their budgets from year-to-year, we would like to eliminate the practice of building in increases only to have to whittle them away again. If a building's particular vision stretches beyond the limitations of the budget, prioritizing student need will hopefully guide decision making. If a particular idea is important, but it's not financially possible, are there grants that can be applied for to attain our goals? Are there programs that no longer serve kids that could be eliminated or offered on alternate years to provide greater opportunity? This is a big mind-shift and may require additional support.

### **Next Meetings**

June 14, 8am (pending DdA availability) - Peer Aspirant Review

July 6, 10am - CAC Meeting review

### **Tentative Summer Meeting Dates (TBD)**

July 19, July 23, July 24, August 13



Respectfully submitted by Laura Schulkind

