

**Mount Ascutney Board  
Draft Minutes  
February 10, 2020**

**Present:** Amy McMullen, Elizabeth Burrows, Bill Yates, Nancy Pedrick, Kris Garnjost, Amanda Yates, Owen Campbell, Jenifer Aldrich, Tiffany Riley, David Baker, Ed Connors

**Not Present:** Beth Carter

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM.

**Additions/Corrections:** None

**Public Participation:**

A past parent, past educator, and taxpayer in Brownsville mentioned was upset about the after school program. What is the connection to Windsor and wants to know what the plan is. Amy McMullen mentioned it is not on the agenda this evening. It will be a future agenda item. Dave Baker feels do need to talk about it and has been through several variations and differences between what now, as Adventure Club on Mountain, and general after school program. Jenifer Aldrich mentioned that she does not have an after school program at the school.

**Announcements and Celebratory Comments from Board Members:**

Elizabeth Burrows had a comment about celebratory comments and thinking great way for Windsor School as sends out notifications if something great is happening an e-mail that might go out to parents in both schools. Thinking as a district might be a good idea to go both ways; things that happen at Albert Bridge maybe Windsor parents might like to observe. Bill Yates asked what's the mechanics for sending out notices. Tiffany Riley mentioned Windsor has a bulk e-mail list for families and break apart K-6 and 7-12. We use alert now for school closures and emergencies. Amy McMullen mentioned the bowling team did very well this weekend. Nancy Pedrick mentioned there is a talent show coming up Friday and completely student led. Amy McMullen mentioned Is Winter Carnival at Windsor.

**Discussion Items:**

Budget Meeting:

How do we want to present the budget at the informational meeting on February 29 at 1:00 PM. Amy McMullen mentioned the ballot is at the printers and will get the bundles

over to West Windsor and will be at Windsor for Tuesday. We will be using a tabulator machine this year. Mount Ascutney School District was going to purchase a tabulator machine but after talking to LHS Associates we can use Windsor's machine by counting all Windsor ballots first, run all reports, shut down machine, put in new ballot card, and run Mount Ascutney School District ballots. Ballots from West Windsor will be brought to Windsor. Board seats are at large.

Jenifer Aldrich has put the new numbers in the presentation. Dave Baker mentioned the board needs to decide who wants to present. Amy McMullen mentioned she is happy to present. We could have 10 minutes of presentation talking about programs at schools, Vermont partnership, Portrait of Graduate, and MTSS. We will have an explanation of different line items, some district wide, some school, and a brief explanation of the SU assessment. The moderator will be doing the first part.

#### Design Team Update and Schedule:

Dave Baker mentioned have all nominees from Windsor and West Windsor. Board members on the team are Amy McMullen, Bill Yates, and Elizabeth Burrows. Amy McMullen mentioned the team will be looking at current class size, structure, building utilization and maximizing our resources. Bill Yates mentioned as well as instructional ideas. Tiffany Riley mentioned there is an equal number of faculty from both schools. Elizabeth Burrows mentioned what is lacking now is do not have any parent or community representatives on team. Tiffany Riley thought initially was just educators. Dave Baker mentioned at a later time there will be an open forum format. The first meeting is Monday, February 24 from 3:00-4:30 in the SU Conference Room.

#### Student Representative on Board:

Tiffany Riley had previously sent something out on what other school districts had done. Bill Yates mentioned the review of the board was positive but had comments on procedures. Elizabeth Burrows mentioned the board decided would like student representatives but not the manner or when. Tiffany Riley mentioned the process was still open for discussion. Bill Yates recalled the board talked about junior and senior but an opportunity for those that wanted to apply regardless of grade level. Elizabeth Burrows mentioned we were going to share notes from the VSBA break out sessions. One session felt it was not strictly by merit but if want to participate and, mature enough to do so, not just straight A students. Amy McMullen mentioned have students send a letter of interest and recommendation. It should be open to all high school students and would not participate in executive session. Students would not be voted by electorate and would not be voting members but participate in discussion and bring back to students. This would be in the description and understand will come to meetings on a

certain day and could come to SU meetings. Students would present their minutes to the student body and be available to get input from the student body.

Amanda Yates mentioned students usually come out of student council and can present back to that venue. Amy McMullen mentioned often someone on the student council just representing a certain group. Does not preclude someone from the student council to be on the board. If a person is really interested could come to VSBA activities. Tiffany Riley mentioned she has an intern this year and has participated at building leadership team meetings and has been good. Tiffany Riley recommends students be junior and senior. Bill Yates feels we want to keep continuity and anyone 9-12 could apply and understanding would serve no more than two years.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Amy McMullen asked for a motion to approve the minutes of January 20. Kris Garnjost moved; seconded by Bill Yates; motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

Dave Baker mentioned Portrait of Graduate is in Phase II. Next meeting is March 12 and have not done a design team meeting at Albert Bridge. First meeting is in Windsor. Phase II is about 40-45 people. Elizabeth Burrows feels it is important that everyone come to West Windsor as are left out of discussions. Feels it's healthy even if it is held at theTown Hall.

Bill Yates asked about the lunch program transition for next year and at some point the board should hear the plans. Nancy Pedrick mentioned she is representing Mount Ascutney Board on the committee. Dave Baker mentioned there is a preliminary budget.

### **New Business:**

Dave Baker mentioned this board needs to discuss the after school program. Bill Yates feels there should be a review of both programs and as move forward with planning team. Tiffany Riley mentioned Bridging the Gap Is doing well at Windsor and the director e-mailed Jenifer Alrich. Jenifer Aldrich mentioned after school is coordinated by herself and Laura.

**Agenda:** March 9

Reorganization

Update on Exploratory Planning Team

Student Representative Proposal

After School Club

Overview of Town Meeting

**Adjournment:**

Amy McMullen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elizabeth Burrows moved; seconded by Nancy Pedrick; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Tessier, Board Secretary