

**Regional School District No. 17**  
**Strategic Planning Subcommittee Special Meeting**  
**November 17, 2020**

A special meeting of the Regional School District 17 Board of Education Strategic Planning Sub-Committee was held on November 17, 2020 at 4:02 p.m. at the HKIS/HKMS cafeteria and via Google Hangouts Meet Video Conference. (Live Stream)

**Subcommittee Members Present:** Prem Aithal (Chair), Eileen Blewett, Brenda Buzzi, Joel D'Angelo (via Google Meets), Jen Favalora, Shawna Goldfarb (via Google Meets), Joanne Nesti, Nelson Rivera, Suzanne Sack, Peter Sonski, Kathleen Zandi,

**Subcommittee Members Absent:** n/a

**Also Present:** Dr. Holly Hageman, Superintendent of Schools; Jonathan Costa, Consultant, EdAdvance

**Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order:** The meeting was to order at 4:02 p.m. by Prem Aithal.

**Agenda Item #2 – Approval of October 27, 2020 Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Shawna Goldfarb and seconded by Eileen Blewett. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item #3 – Introduction and Meeting Purpose:** Prem Aithal introduced the Vision of the Graduate which was kicked off on November 3 with a cross-sectional committee that included principals, teachers, parents, BOE members, the Superintendent, administrators, etc. The purpose of the Vision of the Graduate is to determine the most important skills and dispositions every RSD17 student needs to be successful in a highly dynamic & challenging world. To gather the data, an app called ThoughtExchange is being used to gather the community's (includes parents, teachers, administrators, students, etc.) input. Subsequently, a multiyear strategic plan would be constructed around those key skills/dispositions.

**Agenda Item #4 – Vision of the Graduate Presentation (Jonathan Costa):** Jonathan Costa of EdAdvance presented the Vision of the Graduate Presentation. Key topics discussed included how to construct a strategic plan around the Vision of the Graduate, current CIPs, and the rapidly changing world to 5G.

**Agenda Item #5 – VOG/Thought Exchange Discussion:** A brief discussion ensued to discuss some of the early results from ThoughtExchange and gather some of the Board of Education members' thoughts.

**Agenda Item #6 – Next Steps:** Prem Aithal discussed upcoming meetings. The VOG steering committee will be meeting in two separate sessions on December 10 & December 14. The Strategic Planning Committee will reconvene on December 15 & then January 12, 2021.

**Agenda Item #7 - Adjournment:** Prem Aithal called for the meeting to adjourn at 6:06 p.m.