

Regional School District No. 17
Strategic Planning Subcommittee Special Meeting
January 12, 2021
Revised

A special meeting of the Regional School District 17 Board of Education Strategic Planning Sub-Committee was held on January 12, 2021 at 4:00 PM. at the Central Office Board Room and via Google Hangouts Meet Video Conference. (Live Stream)

Subcommittee Members Present: Prem Aithal (Chair), Eileen Blewett, Jen Favalora, Suzanne Sack (via Google Meets), Peter Sonski (via Google Meets; left @ 5 PM)

Subcommittee Members Absent: Shawna Goldfarb

Also Present: Dr. Holly Hageman, Superintendent of Schools, Jonathan Costa, EdAdvance (via Google Meets)

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

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of December 15, 2020 Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jen Favalora and seconded by Suzanne Sack. The motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #3 – Recap of Vision of the Graduate Steering Committee Session on 1/6/2021: The Vision of the Graduate Steering Committee meeting on January 6th was recapped. The steering committee completed a draft list of 3 skills & 3 dispositions [Skills: Critical thinking, independent & teamwork, and communication & expression; Dispositions: Growth mindset, character, courage & integrity, and compassion, kindness, & empathy]. Jonathan Costa indicated he would send a draft process & timeline to the team to finalize the Vision of the Graduate work for presentation to 6 constituencies: the full Board of Education and the 5 schools, its faculty & advisory groups (or select parents). After these meetings, the Steering Committee would reconvene to identify and apply key feedback, finalize the output and next, roll out to the general public.

Agenda Item #4 – Next Steps Discussion: The discussion included a general delineation of Board vs. District responsibilities (Board responsibilities include outreach, policy & requirements, and deployment of resources). In light of the challenges of COVID this year, it was discussed to begin the bulk of the strategic plan work in the fall. For now, we will pursue “low hanging fruit” to align to the Vision of the Graduate work and moving toward a summer 2021 retreat to discuss the strategic plan.

The next subcommittee meeting will include a discussion on aligning these skills & dispositions to the 4 proposed strategic plan pillars: Student Achievement, Teaching Excellence, Sustainability, and Student Wellness.

Agenda Item #5 – Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.