

**May 2, 2019
Session Highlights**

Updates Pertinent to Our Work

- Applications for funds was formally submitted to Tillotson; a phone interview with the funder is scheduled for the week of May 6th. A copy of the application will be shared with the group.
- The work group failed to notify Exploratory Committee members that the April 29th work session was cancelled. All will work to coordinate communication to avoid instances like this in the future.
- A new administrator has been secured for Colebrook; shifts are underway as a result – and they are considerable.
- Jamie Gray and Toby Owen spoke to Exploration Committee members about the possibility of Pittsburg representatives re-joining the Committee. The Pittsburg school board chose to host a community forum after the annual meeting warrant vote in which the community voted not to continue to be part of the exploration process. The result of the community forum was a unanimous vote to ask the Exploratory Committee for permission to re-join. Toby and Jamie stated that the board unanimously supports this and they were deputized to represent the community and the school board when approaching the Committee. They claim there was confusion about the process underway and that Pittsburg residents received inadequate information from their representatives to fully grasp it. Committee members cited specific instances of Pittsburg failing to honor the process and code of ethics all Committee members agreed to late spring/summer 2018 and inquired as to whether there was adequate reason to believe this can change. There were multiple assurances from Toby and Jamie that this will be the case if they can re-join.

The Committee voted in favor of allowing Pittsburg to re-join the group if the Pittsburg school board acknowledges and accepts the following:

- **The Committee has identified that there will be one high school and one middle school – with locations of Canaan and Colebrook. There will not be two middle schools, as contemplated in model 11.**
- **Pittsburg Committee representatives will uphold and honor the agreed-upon code of ethics. This includes the expectation that each community is fully committed to the exploration process and is not actively working against the process by pursuing other alternatives while the exploration is underway. Jamie and Toby will relay these terms to the full board and update the Committee of the outcome.**

Work Plan Review

See handout of draft work plan titled “CRCC Sub-Committee Meeting – April 15, 2019”.

- **All Committee members will submit content recommendations by Friday, May 10th, via a google doc version of the work plan that Kyle will create and manage.**
- **Work plan subcommittee members will convene prior to the Committee May meeting and finalize it so that it includes sequencing of tasks and timelines for each task.**
 - **Bruce, Chris, Sheli and Karen are responsible for curriculum work plan items.**
 - **Brian will coordinate efforts on governance and financials and convene the group to clarify work plan-related roles and outlining tasks, etc.**
- The Committee agreed that the research and analysis will focus on one model – middle school in Colebrook and high school in Canaan.

Committee Composition

- **The Committee agreed to move toward formalizing its role and efforts with the State of New Hampshire and State of Vermont. The benefits of doing so include access to legal advice that is needed to complete a robust process. Karen and Bruce will take the necessary steps to launch this process. The intent is to have current Committee members formally appointed to the state-recognized committee.**