

**October 3, 2019**  
**Session Notes**

**Updates Pertinent to Our Work**

- Stewartstown voted to appoint existing committee members to the Interstate Committee.
- When Karen and Bruce met with the Tillotson Fund advisors, the discussion was positive and the advisors were supportive. Karen and Bruce left behind an information packet. There is permission to seek additional funding.
- Black River Design continues their review of the Canaan school buildings. Early indications are that there is not need to connect the buildings. They will present to our committee in November and priorities will be established for repairs and improvements.
- The hospital and AHEAD program's financial modeling suggests that the Colebrook Academy building may not work for their purposes; Medicare reimbursement rates will not cover costs.
- Colebrook, Stewartstown and Pittsburgh are in serious need of school nurses. The hospital is doing what it can to help.
- The Commissioners of Education have approved our request to be designated as a Planning Committee and the approving document is near completion. It needs the addition of one name from our team and formal sign-off. This should happen very soon. (see handout)
  - Votes will be weighted by state to ensure balanced/equal decision making power between Vermont and New Hampshire. The final formula for vote count will be sorted out once the number of representatives from each state who serve on this Committee is updated in the document. Committee members understand and accept this approach to decision- and recommendation-formulation.
  - Call-in votes will be accepted. Votes in absentia will not.
  - The superintendents are non-voting advisors to the committee.
  - No new members will be added to the committee after today.
  - NEK has voice in the agreements and recommendations at this juncture but will not have vote/representation in the district as a tuition-paying contributor.
- Karen is headed to a rural education national conference in Kentucky. A rural state of the art educational cooperative will be the focus; Karen is seeking funding sources for this project and to learn about the state of the art education model.

**Curriculum Sub-Group**

- The Education Collaborative group (administrators from the schools) did not meet – the session in which they were to review the outputs from this project and provide feedback is rescheduled for Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The enrollment numbers for start of school were updated and shared. (see handout)

**Governance and Financials Sub-Group**

- The work flow is established as follows with point/coordinating people listed:

## **October**

- Review other school agreements

## **November Meeting**

- I.D. / elect chairperson and clerk-treasurer (Brian)
- I.D. member districts (Brian)
- Grade structure (P-8) (Brian)
- Properties to be acquired (Brian)
- Identify financial analysis questions (Kyle & governance committee)
- Establish financial analysis calendar
- Retain educational funding person(s) (Bruce, Karen)
- Determine costs
- Retain project manager (Karen, Dan)

## **December Meeting**

- Acquire grant funds for analysis
- Analyzing financial data
- Apportion operating & capital costs

## **January Meeting**

- Analyzing financial data
- Apportion operating & capital costs à tax implications
- Determine board composition

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