

Sandown Feasibility of Withdrawal from TRSD Minority Committee

Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday June 10, 2015

Place: Sandown Town Hall 320 Main St Sandown NH 03873

Time: 7:00 pm

Description of plan: Town Hall Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Begin Prezi – slides 1 – 9
4. Gallery Walk: A gallery walk is a [silent] activity, where people answer questions, write new questions, and record thoughts around given statements or questions that are posted on the walls of the “gallery”. In this gallery walk, we ask for multiple considerations.
 - a. Educational concerns –public should comment or write questions about each.
Materials: posters, markers, index cards
 - i. How does a school attract and retain highly qualified teachers?
 - ii. What options are important for High school?
 - iii. How can Sandown build and maintain a positive relationship with towns within the SAU?
 - b. Educational value - public should fill in the blanks:
Materials: posters, markers.
 - i. Small class sizes _____.
 - ii. An ideal student-to-teacher ratio for K - 4 is _____.
 - iii. An ideal student-to-teacher ratio for 5 – 8 is _____.
 - iv. An ideal student-to-teacher ratio for 9 -12 is _____.
 - v. Technology is _____at the middle and high-school level (grades 5-12).
 - vi. Technology is _____at the lower elementary level (1-4).
 - c. Educational value – public should state agreement or disagreement:
Materials: posters, red and green stickers
 - i. Kids should have access to vocational learning programs.
 - ii. Kids should have access to agricultural learning programs.
 - iii. Kids should have access to both discovery and traditional methods of learning to address unique learners.
 - iv. A Public Pre-school and Kindergarten program is important

- v. Kids should have access to rich theatre and arts programs.
- vi. Kids should have exposure to a rich foreign language program.
- vii. Scores on standardized test are important to me.
- viii. College readiness is more important than career readiness.
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d. Financial concerns – public should comment or write questions about each:

Materials: posters, markers, index cards

- i. Describe your return-on-investment (quality of education vs. cost) at Timberlane. How is it measured?
- ii. Describe your return-on-investment (quality of education vs. cost) at Sandown Elementary Schools. How is it measured?

e. Financial values – public should state agreement or disagreement :

Materials: posters, markers, index cards

- i. Highly qualified teachers are worth the expense.
- ii. Providing many options for learning (vocational, agricultural, etc.) is worth the expense.
- iii. I am willing to invest in education, if the return is significant.
- iv. I want the people of Sandown to have a high level of control over the way money is spent on school in Sandown.

- 5. Town Hall discussion related to questions / themes in gallery walk
- 6. Town Hall discussion for other questions
- 7. Complete Prezi – slides 10 – 12
- 8. Adjourn

***Times are approximate**

The public is welcome to attend!!

Please be advised, agenda items may not be discussed in exact order. The Minority Committee may discuss other business brought before them that may not be explicitly listed on this agenda.

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