

09SEP2015

Call to Order – by Chair at ~ 7: 30 pm

Attendees:

Committee Members Present: Cathy Gorman, Cindy Buco, Bruce Cleveland, Tony Piemonte, Michael Costanzo

Committee Members Absent: Tina Buckley

Members of the public: Please refer to attachment 1

Approval of Minutes

- 06AUG2015 meeting minutes reviewed and accepted by consensus
- **Correspondence**
 - Please refer to attachment 2
- **New Business**
 - The committee accepted the resignation of Michael Garonne and Lisa Tapley
- **Public Comment**
 - This meeting was dedicated to public comment
 - List of public present attached
 - All those present expressed opposition to the withdrawal of Sandown from TRSD
- **Future Agenda and Dates**
 - No meeting scheduled
- **Adjourn**
 - Motion to adjourn by Cathy Gorman; seconded by Bruce Cleveland– vote unanimous
 - Meeting adjourned at ~10:30
- ***The public is welcome to attend***

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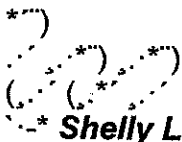
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I oppose Sandown withdrawing from the TRSD

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 8:51 PM

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I was a part of the committee to get Kindergarten into our school district, I will be strongly active in the opposition of this withdrawal.

Thank you,

Mary Munsell

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Against Sandown Leaving TRSD

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Attachment 2 - Public Attendance

Sandown Minority Committee Meeting

September 9, 2015

Name	A. Green	Address	3 Cranberry Meadow	Topic/Agenda	New Business
Name	Walter Duff	Address	North Rd	Topic/Agenda	
Name	Erich Beyren +	Address	62 Giordani Lane	Topic/Agenda	Opposition
Name	Scott Manning	Address	9 compromise Ln	Topic/Agenda	Opposition
Name	Michelle Carey	Address	629 Main St	Topic/Agenda	
Name	KEN SAPIONE	Address	17 Highland Ave	Topic/Agenda	Opposition
Name	Michele Double	Address	38 Glastonbury Dr.	Topic/Agenda	Opposition
Name	Cathy Lisi	Address	41 Compromise	Topic/Agenda	Questions
Name	Janet Stammely	Address	32 Montana	Topic/Agenda	Question
Name	Mark Sherwood	Address	11 Excalibur d	Topic/Agenda	Questions
Name	Michelle Livingston	Address	93 David Lane	Topic/Agenda	Opposition
Name	Jean Marc Larchot	Address	50 Bradbury Lane	Topic/Agenda	Opposition (here)
Name	Sandy Gurczar	Address	11 Fairfield Rd	Topic/Agenda	
Name	Brenda Roberts	Address	63 Chase Rd	Topic/Agenda	
Name	Sally Morris	Address	73 North Rd	Topic/Agenda	here
Name	Jessica Hudgins	Address	146 Main St	Topic/Agenda	None
Name	Melanie Shepard	Address	11 Excalibur Dr	Topic/Agenda	None
Name	Julie Whelan	Address	34 Glastonbury Dr	Topic/Agenda	Opposition
Name	Delissa Grant	Address	36 Lexington Dr	Topic/Agenda	None
Name	Sienna Dolce	Address	2 David Lane	Topic/Agenda	questions/ Opposition
Name	Debra Rose	Address	46 Eastfield Loop	Topic/Agenda	
Name	Albert Rose	Address	46 Eastfield Loop	Topic/Agenda	

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Name	Am Scipione	Address	17 Highland Ave	Topic/Agenda
Name	Melba Kunkley	Address	41 Woodlane Sandown	Topic/Agenda
Name	LORNA WALKER	Address	2 Phillipswood Rd, Sandown	Topic/Agenda
Name	Mary Munsel	Address	9 N. Shore Rd	Topic/Agenda
Name	Karen Dingle	Address	133 Little Mill Rd	Topic/Agenda
Name	Karen White	Address	8 David Lane	Topic/Agenda
Name	Amy Burke	Address	176 North Rd	Topic/Agenda
Name	John Debra	Address	92 North K	Topic/Agenda
Name	LAURINE WOODS	Address	OBSERVER From Ontario, Canada	Topic/Agenda
Name	Gretchen Grosky	Address	Observer/Member	Topic/Agenda
Name	Nicole Fitzpatrick	Address	Wain Street Sandown	Topic/Agenda Special Ed (CFHD)
Name	MARY HUNTER	Address	FRONT ROW	Topic/Agenda
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