

October 25, 2007

Minutes of School Board/Staff Retreat
Chesterfield School Board
410 Poocham Road, W. Chesterfield, NH

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Present: Judy Idelkope, Board Chair
Ege Cordell, Board Member
Kristin McKeon, Board Member
Becky Auger, Board Member
Wayne Woolridge, Co-Superintendent of Schools
Sharyn D'Eon, Principal

Darlene Dunn, Staff
Kathy Chmiel, Staff
Cindy Walsh, Staff
Megan Fowler, Staff
Abby Mather, Staff
Karen LeDuc, Staff
Patty Harris, Staff
Kristine Dow, Staff
Jeannette Gardner, Staff
Kristin Warner, Staff
Susan Wiles, Staff
Jay VanStechelman, Staff
Nancy Eddy, Staff

The retreat was called to order at 4:58 p.m.

Ms. Dunn began by speaking to the progress of the staff towards the following goal: Students will demonstrate math confidence and competency.

The staff spoke to what had been done to date in each of the grade spans to achieve this goal.

Several issues were shared including:

1. Primary NWEA assessment.
2. Time schedule not sufficient to fully realize goal within the existing schedule.
3. Variety of comfort levels with the computers used for the assessment.
Staff spoke to several position steps including a website that helps explain the nature of the NWEA assessment titled Measure of Academic Progress. Several staff spoke to the value of the Lexile Reading level.

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Darlene spoke to a survey that the staff hoped to introduce at parent teacher conference.

Ege Cordell asked about the need for benchmark assessments.

Kathy Chmiel described the progress made towards the development of benchmarks - she spoke to the development of rubrics that will help in the development of benchmarks.

Cindy Walsh outlined how the unified arts teachers assist in the teaching of math.

The group then broke into two groups in order to brainstorm next steps regarding data collection and data reporting.

After about 30 minutes the groups came back together to review the small group conclusions.

The group agreed on a Spring to Spring target assessment.

The group agreed to give a student survey. Several staff spoke to the importance of not losing sight of the emotional connection to education in the quest for better data.

Kristin spoke to the importance of data in the process of goal setting and analysis of data.

The group agreed to plan a summer retreat. Several suggestions were made regarding space for a retreat. Keene State College and the Keene Library were mentioned.

The group agreed to continue with the staff facilitator model for the next retreat.

The group agreed that the next retreat should be approximately four hours in duration.

Abby Mathers agreed to serve as School Board Liaison.

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The retreat ended at 6:42 p.m. The Chesterfield staff with the exception of Sharyn D'Eon left and the meeting continued with the following present:

Judy Idelkope, Board Chair
Ege Cordell, Board Member
Kristin McKeon, Board Member
Rebecca Auger, Board Member
Wayne Woolridge, Co-Superintendent of Schools
Tim Ruehr, Business Administrator for Towns
Sharyn D'Eon, Principal

#2. Other

Mr. Ruehr arrived and spoke to the boiler project. He reported the recommendation from the facilities committee.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. McKeon asked about the past history of the contractor. She asked if there were penalties if the contractor was late on the project. Discussion ensued.

The motion from the Facilities Committee was to move forward with Tyler as the contractor. The cost would be \$84,000 plus money to solve the heating problems. The vote was taken and passed 4-0 in favor to move forward with Tyler.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Wayne E. Woolridge
Co-Superintendent of Schools