

Act 46 Study Committee Meeting
October 27, 2015

Attending: Peter Clarke, Rod Stanley, Laurie Stanley, Jenna Clark, Heather Lovelette, Jason McConnell, Bob Berger, Win Goodrich, Jay Cummings, and Connie Beyor

Notes:

Peter Clarke provided an overview of Act 46 for visitors and Study Committee members

- Discussed governance configurations

Concern raised by parents about possible loss of current Sheldon HS choice option. Rumor was dispelled. This is not the direction being considered.

Final option could be to make no governance change and present rationale to the State Board for how equity, quality, efficiency, and student performance will meet new Education Quality Standards. No financial incentives with this option.

Explored many governance options that included "Side by Side, Regional Education District, Modified Union District."

Request made by the Study Committee to receive AOE data for all schools.

Peter reviewed SBAC assessment comparisons between FNW and all Vermont schools.

- Strong message that FNW will need to address student performance issues to the State Board in FY18.

Peter addressed the attached "Education Opportunities Summary."

Jason countered that FNW could achieve many of the Opportunities without consolidation.

Peter reviewed SBAC assessment scores from Franklin schools that identified students who met or exceeded proficiency.

Peter addressed equity and program opportunities; suggested comparisons with other schools throughout Vermont.

Peter discussed flexibility acquired with elementary school choice within a merged supervisory district.

Question posed, if single district governance system is created, will the culture change as well?

Articles of Agreement can create Parent Councils at each member school.

If Sheldon does not want to merge with the MVU towns, Sheldon would need to create its own 706 study process.

Deeper exploration of Education Opportunities at future meetings

Information will be posted on each school's web site.

Next meeting: November 18th @ Sheldon Elem. School

6:00 for parents and community

6:30 for Study Committee

- Research what is implementable in FNW
- Establish strict Study Committee time and public time
- Financial modeling will be provided soon.

Future Meetings:

- December 9, 6:30 @ Highgate Elem.
- January 5, 6:30 @ Franklin Central Elem.