

Agenda

Act 46 Independent School Governance Study

MVU Library
November 29, 2016
7:00 PM

Committee Members and Staff:

Bob Berger - Chair, Connie Beyor, Toby Maguire, Bob Irish, Jason McConnell, Terri O'Shea, and Winton Goodrich

Visitors:

Agenda:

- 7:00 Call meeting to order
Minutes from November 17th meeting
Tonight's Tasks: What do we need to do at this meeting?
- a. Check-in on latest information
 - b. More analysis of SMU and SMU + Swanton
 - c. Explore principal feedback regarding benefits and challenges of mergers
 - d. Update on master schedules
 - e. Standardized score trends from 2009 to current
 - f. Talk about Town Meeting voter update
 - g. Share Act 46 options for Swanton
 - h. Next steps
- 7:10 – 7:15 Guests
- 7:15 – 7:20 Updates/latest information
- 7:20 – 7:35 More analysis of SMU and SMU + Swanton
- 7:35 – 7:50 Explore principal feedback regarding benefits and challenges of mergers
- 7:50 – 8:05 Update on master schedules
- 8:05 – 8:25 Talk about Town Meeting voter update
- 8:25 – 8:45 Share Act 46 options for Swanton
- 8:45 – 9:00 Other and Next Steps
- 9:00 Adjournment

Continue assessing data needed regarding the SU's current ability to meet or exceed each of the Act 46 goals below.

- (1) Provide substantial equity in the quality and variety of educational opportunities statewide;
- (2) Lead students to achieve or exceed the State's Education Quality Standards, adopted as rules by the State Board of Education at the direction of the General Assembly;
 - Data needed: Education Quality Standards - <http://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-state-board-rules-series-2000.pdf>
- (3) Maximize operational efficiencies through increased flexibility to manage, share, and transfer resources, with a goal of increasing the ratio of students to full-time equivalent staff;
- (4) Promote transparency and accountability; and
- (5) Delivered at a cost that parents, voters, and taxpayers value:
 - State cost per pupil comparisons

Future Study Committee Meetings - MVU Library from 7:00 to 9:00 PM:

- Dec. 14

Act 46 Independent Study Time Line

- August through December – Research Study options
- December 14, 2016 – Complete Study draft
- December, 2016 - Provide draft Study recommendations for local school board review
- January 4, 2017 - Present Study recommendations to SU Board
- January 20, 2017 – Include Study recommendations in Town Reports
- February, 2017 - Information meetings
- March, 2017 - Community vote on Study recommendations at Town Meetings
- October, 2017 – School boards present Act 46 rationale to the State Board of Education