

Agenda

Act 46 Independent School Governance Study

MVU Library
November 3, 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
Adopt minutes from Oct. 17th meeting
Tonight's Tasks: What do we need to do at this meeting?
- Check-in on assignments and discuss what they mean to our study
 - i. Town perspectives on benefits of merger
 - ii. What is going on with other alternative structure studies
 - Continue to discuss ability to meet goals
 - Dig deeper into supervisory demographics
- 7:10 – 7:15 Guests
- 7:15 – 8:00 Report Outs from Committee Members
1. Check-in and discussion of possible benefits of unification
 2. Update from Win and Connie
What other alternative structures are being proposed
 - i. VSBA Regional Meeting (10/18) – Connie
 - ii. VSA Fall Conf. (10/20) – Bob and Win
 1. Possible merger ideas
 - a. MVU, FNWSU, and Swanton
 - b. Highgate and Franklin
 - c. Sheldon, Bakersfield, and Alburgh (Montgomery and Berkshire)
 - i. Georgia
- 8:00 – 8:30 Goals One and Two: How are we doing at meeting them?
1. Report on master schedules
 2. Deeper look at supervisory union data
 - i. AOE Integrated Field Review – January 24, 2017
 - ii. Begin to assess FNWSU compliance with Education Quality Standards

SBAC Scores			
<i>School</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>FNWSU</i>	<i>Vermont</i>
Franklin			
Highgate			
MVU			
Sheldon			
Swanton			

NECAP Science Scores			
<i>School</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>FNWSU</i>	<i>Vermont</i>
Franklin			
Highgate			
MVU			
Sheldon			
Swanton			

i. Student/staff ratios

Student/Staff Ratio		
<i>School</i>	<i>FNWSU</i>	<i>Vermont</i>
Franklin		
Highgate		
MVU		
Sheldon		
Swanton		

Student/Licensed Teacher Ratio		
<i>School</i>	<i>FNWSU</i>	<i>Vermont</i>
Franklin		
Highgate		
MVU		
Sheldon		
Swanton		

Class Size Ratio		
<i>School</i>	<i>FNWSU</i>	<i>Vermont</i>
Franklin		
Highgate		
MVU		
Sheldon		
Swanton		

Student/Administrator Ratio		
<i>School</i>	<i>FNWSU</i>	<i>Vermont</i>
Franklin		
Highgate		
MVU		
Sheldon		
Swanton		

8:30 – 8:50 Goal Three, Four and Five: How are we doing at meeting them?

1. Look at data
2. What goes well
3. Areas for improvement
4. Ways to continually improve
 - i. Win - Developing unified contract with consistent pay and benefits

8:50 – 9:00 Other and Next Steps

1. Research
 - a. Walk through components of DMC study with respect to achieving Act 46 Goal 3
 - i. Analyze ratio of SLPs and students needing service
 - ii. Compare % of instruction time for FNW and Vermont students on IEPs
2. Early analysis of FNWSU compliance with AOE Education Quality Standards

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:

- Nov. 16 - Nov. 29 - 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