

Lamoille South Supervisory Union
Optional Educational Structures Committee
April 14, 2010

Present were Penny Bishop, Emily Bradbury, Max Cohen, Jeff Dacales, Olivia DeRienzo, Abby Fitzgerald, David Jaqua, Reeves Larson, JB McKinley, Kate Osborne, Sharron Scott, Susan Titterton, Dr. Raymond Proulx and Tracy Wrend.

Tracy provided a brief review of the charge of the committee and thanked committee members for their willingness to serve on the committee (See Section #1 of Committee Notebook)

Ray reviewed purposes for the study:

1. To prepare for influencing or responding to legislative initiatives regarding school governance.
2. To deepen school board understanding of governance options.
3. Consideration of economic circumstances and the question of sustainability.
4. Reflection on whether or not there is enough information to engage further in proposing alternatives to the current delivery systems and engage in Phase 2 and the legal processes.

Review of Phase 1 Study:

- page 15 - caution regarding statistics for Elmore, due to small size
 - as in community demographics 20% of population has direct connection to school,
- page 19 – Facilities
 - 140 square feet per person used for capacity which is the max allowed for state aid for construction
 - typically build for 123-135 per pupil
 - conservative estimate so as not to over inflate capacity
 - optional and alternatives for no new construction
 - cost estimates for new construction are \$175 - \$200 per square foot
- page 25-27 Reflects a comparison of similar districts in terms of size and structure and provides indicators of some key values
- page 34 – Other factors – resources and property have practical as well as values implication
- page 37 – Options
 - look at data with bias
 - focuses on quality, equity and efficiency

Meeting Protocols

- Ray's role:
 - clarify details
 - research
 - facilitate
- * (See the attached protocols)

- Timeline for report is no later than December 15, 2010.
- Proposal to meet two times per month during the school year and twice during the summer months.
 - Time – 6-8:00 p.m.
 - Frequency – 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month during the school year
 - July 14th and August 25th during the summer months
 - Location will alternate between MES Library and SES Music Room
 - (see attached listing of meeting dates and locations)

The next meeting will be April 28, 2010 from 6-8:00 p.m. at SES Music Room.

Goal – forums on meeting nights. Forums will require representatives from each community not necessarily all committee members.

A protocol was established for absence from meeting and the process to catch up.