Strategic Planning Meeting 2/25/16

Present: Jane Southworth, Lindsay Belville (staff), Pam Becker, Connie Bresnahan (community), Sue Troy, Jeanne Walsh (staff), Elizabeth Tannenbaum, Starr LaTronica (staff)

Meeting called to order at 4:30.
February 4th Meeting Minutes accepted without correction.
No public comment

Dates:

Thursday, March 10 4:30 next Strategic Planning meeting to review Amy’s outline for meeting.
Tuesday, March 22nd Trustee/ Staff Retreat 9-noon. Amy Howlett will facilitate a SOAR analysis.

Review list of community members to invite to small group sessions.
All selectboard members and those running and town department heads
Ron Stahley – WSESU Superintendent and a representative from each school, public and private.
College Representatives: SIT, Marlboro, Vermont Tech. CCV, Landmark.
Preschools
Media- The Commons, Brattleboro Reformer, Ibrattleboro, Brattleboro TV,
Donors will be invited to participate in the process
Steve Gordon – CEO BMH
Groundworks Collaborative Rhianna Kendrick and Josh Davis
NEYT – Sadie Fischeisser
VT Theater Company
Strolling of Heifers – Orly Munsing
Brattleboro School of Dance, Cotton Mill
Walter Slowinski – arts
Volunteers – Stewart and Kris McDermet
Rachel Doty – parent
Chip Greenburg
Youth Services – Russell Bradbury
BMAC- Danny Lichtenfeld
United Way – Carmen Derby
Human Connection Project – Erin and Kevin OKeefe
West Brattleboro Arts Community
Promise Communities – Emilie Kornheiser

Book Stores
Center for Creative Solutions- Felicity Ratte – Marlboro College
Insight Photographer – Eileen Todd board director
Richard Wyzansky
Dianne Clouet
River Gallery School – Lydia

Local Legislators
Jonathon Saccoccio – young man working at Stevens
Olivia Howe – BUHS student
Lucy Congleton – student
Co-op employee- ? outreach person
Lizi Rosenberg – parent
Adam Curtis – home school high school student
Sueno LeBlond – bookmobile
DCF- Susan O’Brien

Brattleboro Residential Program
Voc Rehab and Department of Labor representative
Vermont Associates – job training.
Wendy Houihan retired Windham Central Supt./ children’s room volunteer
Erin Lyons- parent
Kim Canon – library user
Claire Stanley and/or Jack Millett – SIT Meditation
Spiritual Communities? Will discuss how to incorporate
Elka Todeva – community member, stamp club, SIT professor
Vermont Adult Learning – language learning program – Fionna Cook
Community Groups who use our space.
Steve and Nara Iams – parent/SIT
Jeff and Ruth Unsicker
Sue Dyer
Peter Falion –
Janet Zinter – dentist/reader
Brooke Finnell – dental assistant, reader
Janice Warren
Brattleboro Technology group representative.
Ellen Smith – community member/development
Tracy - ?
Rotaries and Chamber of Commerce.
Regional Planning Group
Dr. Slowinski – pediatrician
BEEC
Brattleboro Historical Society
Farmers Market
Publishing company – Prolingua (?)

How should we structure meetings?
Starr suggested we ask Amy Howlett for her input on how to structure the meetings. Possibly we will have focused meetings and contact people personally to attend the groups.
We might want to bring our ideas to Amy first so she can respond to them. It is important to get feedback from our current library users.

We could schedule outreach meetings at some of the community groups such as rotary or groundworks.

One model might be to offer a number of community forums that people could choose or we could offer focused groups with a theme.

Include in the invitation letter that there will be an opportunity for a written/online questionnaire if they would like to participate in other ways.

We should offer meetings at various times so people with different schedules might be able to attend.

Next Meeting:

**Thursday, March 10th at 4:30P.**

Review Amy’s outline and continue working on developing a structure for the meetings.