

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 – Fiona 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.