

Official Minutes

2/1/2010 Minutes RSWSU Informal Discussion moving forward.....

Education Transformation Policy Commission published by the Vermont State Board of Education Prompted a conversation and invitation at the last RSWSU board meeting of anyone interested in conversing about possible proactive ideas on the future of the S.U.

Attendance:

Kimberly Matthewson RSWSU chair (MTS), Mike Nagar (PTSD), Tammy Holcomb (WSD)

Steve Letendre (MTS), Mary Jo Teetor (PTSD), Jodi Comeau (MTS)

Superintendent Joan Paustian

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

The conversation covered some of the things the board(s) had been working on with common purpose.

Policies and Curriculum Audit came to mind. There is a strong consensus that the curriculum audit has established some areas of focus. The information needs to be acted on before it gets stale.

There was discussion about contract negotiations and the possibility of working together towards an s.u. document. It was suggested that by looking at the benefits and doing cost analysis we might not be all that far apart. A possibility would be to gather information and have an outside source to review. It would take some of the individual districts passion out of the process and look at the process more objectively for pros and cons. (Tom may be someone who could help with this? Or perhaps Dennis Wells?)

Another suggestion is to bring Phase II of the Governance Study back to life. Kimberly has had a conversation with Winton Goodrich of the VSBA and some cost information. That has changed since we first did Phase I.....Phase II does not go to the voters to begin but, will cost \$5000.....we can find out whether there are still grants available for this.

Kimberly also mentioned the S.U. that covers Woodbury is doing some work with VSBA and there is information on the VSBA website that might be interesting to review.

The group as a whole suggested and agreed to bring the idea of Phase II study to the next S.U. meeting as well as the joint contract discussion for possible action.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jo Teetor