

Organizational Meeting of the Middle School Study Committee

Wednesday November 3, 2021

7:00 pm

MVVS Library

Welcome and outline of the Charge to the Committee– Stephen O’Keefe, MVSB

Overview of the School System Administration (Mont Vernon School Board/Souhegan Cooperative School Board/SAU 39 School Board)

Overview of Current Tuition Agreement

Introduction of Committee Chair by Mr. O’Keefe

Rules of Procedure – Pete King Committee Chair

Review of RSA Chapter 91A – NH Right to Know Law

Introduction of Facilitator by Mr. King

Dagmar Vlahos, Facilitator

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Proposed Outline

- Articulate the current objective – Some of which I believe can be captured during our first session
 - Clearly understand the goal, the timeline, customers and stakeholders etc.
- Determine current conditions – This is a discovery session where as a group we will document the current facts
 - Explore areas such as:
 - Gathering data pertaining to past, current and project students going to the middle school
 - Understand current financial situation
 - Document the challenges
- Explore opportunities / recommendations
 - Conduct research
 - Brainstorm ideas
 - Conduct a deeper dive on the recommendations such as cost, impact, pros and cons, etc.
- Compile the findings and formulate it into a presentation
 - Categorize all information gathered and present it in a way that informs our sponsors
 - Goal is for our sponsors to be able to make an informed decision

Proposed future meeting schedule (day/time)

Mont Vernon Middle School Options Committee – Proposed Calendar

Meetings will be at MVVS beginning at 7:00 pm

November 3, 2021 Welcome and Charge to the Committee, Ground Rules, Introductions

November 17, 2021 Articulate the Current Objective/Determine Current Conditions

December 1, 2021 Explore Opportunities/Recommendations.

December 2, 2021 - Progress Report for MVSB Meeting

December 15, 2021 Refine Opportunities and Recommendations

January 5, 2022 Compile Findings and Formulate into a Presentation for the MVSB

January 13, 2022 - MVSB Meeting and Planning for Deliberative Session

Rules of Engagement

1. Give everything a 15% Chance

Do not discount other's ideas because they do not align with yours. Listen to other opinions and assume that every idea at least a 15% chance of success.

2. We are all equal

The diversity of opinions, experiences, and knowledge is what leads to creative outcomes. Not organizational hierarchy. Don't be afraid to argue and don't intimidate.

3. Everyone participates, equally

Introverts don't like to argue, for the most part. Extroverts like to hear themselves talk. Creative outcome results from hearing everyone's opinions.

4. Nothing is personal

Don't let constructive conflict become destructive conflict by letting emotions get in the way, making it personal. Attack the issues, not the people. Argue the merit of ideas, not the character of the people suggesting them. Passion is great in committee work, as long as it doesn't become emotional. Personal attacks will not be tolerated.

5. Have Fun