

Shepaug Valley Regional School District No. 12
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
Minutes
January 4, 2017

1. Call to Order -
Meeting came to order at 6:09
The following committee members were present:
Anthony Amato, Alan Brown (Chair), Jennifer Pote, Peter Tagley, Rebecca Devine,
Michelle Gorra
Also present:
Cathy Colella, Teresa DeBrito, Kim Gallo, Emily Judd, Lori Ferreira
2. Approval of November 2, 2016 Minutes
Motion: M. Gorra; Second: A. Amato; Vote: Unanimous
3. Presentation of discovery on International Baccalaureate – Teresa DeBrito
 - a. T. DeBrito had been researching IB across CT and the eastern seaboard for six months. She was originally tasked with gaining more insight into the program and discovering how relevant it was to students, families and universities and whether it was anything anyone would care enough to see as an attractive potential aspect of Region 12.
 - b. Her presentation answered all of these questions and more, explaining, in addition to other points:
 - i. It doesn't prevent students from AP exams. In fact, the curriculum is more rigorous and IB students do well on AP exams without necessarily taking AP classes.
 - ii. Current leaders of IB schools felt it put their schools "on the map," not just in the state or the country, but in the world.
 - iii. IB public schools compete with private schools for enrollment, not just other public schools.
 - iv. IB schools are universally regarded as highly distinguished international schools and are highly respected.
 - v. All teachers in IB schools are very happy there because the concept based curricula make their work very collegial; they are not siloed within classes or departments.
 - vi. College and university admissions departments love IB students.
 - c. T. DeBrito was asked to research the following questions further and return to the LRPC at later date with further discovery:
 - i. What student successes (higher learning and/or vocational) after graduation from an IB school can be found?
 - ii. Can any data be found regarding comparative test scores and college placement for IB school graduates?
 - iii. Are there any K-12 IB schools whose experience transitioning to IB from standard curricula might be helpful to us?
4. Other Business:
 - a. Strategic Planning Facilitator
 - i. A. Brown explained there were two proposals from two well-referred facilitators, one priced well, one not.

- ii. It was decided that A. Brown would reject the expensive proposal and solicit another proposal from a third potential facilitator.
 - b. Panorama Survey for Greater 3-Town Community
 - i. A. Brown reported that K. Fildes had connected with Panorama and had the community survey module activated for Region 12 account. The survey template was presented and it was discussed.
 - ii. Motion to have K. Fildes set up a Community Survey through Panorama with notices sent to each town hall requesting survey invitations be sent to all three towns' residents with known email addresses. Motion: A. Amato; second, Rebecca Devine. Vote: Unanimous
- 5. It was suggested that another meeting be added to the LRPC schedule for late January to interview strategic plan process facilitators. A. Brown will follow-up.
- 6. Meeting adjourned at 8:18. Motion: R. Devine; Second, A. Amato; Vote, Unanimous.