

Shepaug Valley Regional School District 12
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
October 6, 2014

1. Call to Order-
Meeting came to order at 5:17

The following committee members were present:

Alan Brown (Chair), Greg Cava, Michelle Gorra, Emily Hibbard, Jenn Pote

Absent:

Kelly Lott

2. The meeting was comprised primarily of a general opening discussion of current factors affecting long range planning for Region 12. Focus was on methods of supporting the Administration's efforts to make Shepaug an excellent school and one whose reputation is broadly known and attractive to prospective residents of the Region's towns.
3. Emphasis was made on the need to "defend in place," to make sure that while making long range plans, there will be no distraction from making investments in facilities and programs that are required to ensure the best education for current students.
4. Discussion of information needed to properly convey the extent of currently necessary repairs to Shepaug and to develop support for a Shepaug repair referendum in the community.
5. Discussion of plans to enlist an institution of higher learning's partnership in designing, planning, and outfitting a new science and tech infrastructure in order provide Shepaug students with a modern learning environment and to enhance the reputation and visibility of Shepaug's STEM-oriented programs. It was decided that relevant administrators, Todd Dyer, Teresa DeBrito, Karen Fildes, and Patricia Cosentino would be invited to the next LRPC meeting for a discussion of the feasibility of and next steps for reaching out to a university's science department such as Yale's, UCONN's or Quinnipiac's.
6. Discussion of how we might cooperate with other schools to share resources or create specific focused programs at each school that are available all schools' students.
7. Can we learn more about opportunities for "individualized education"? Individualized or Individual Education is a trending development in modern education that we could embrace to turn the challenge of a small student population into a Shepaug hallmark.
8. Adjourned – 6:13 pm