

NRHS Task Force

Minutes July 21, 2015

Attendees: Jodi Specht, Mark Jones, Michael Wood, Robert Czekanski, AN, Kathy Codianne, Maureen Busch, Bill Cleary, Lynn Coletti, Parry Graham (late)

1. Bill Cleary informed Task Force that the demographic Request for Services (RFS) went to the central register and the Aug 10 date still works. Mark Jones asked Michael Wood to forward the RFS to his known vendors. Bob Czekanski will be forwarding Brookline population study to Michael Wood for review and requested that the district RFS be forwarded to the vendors responsible for the Brookline study (offices in Florida and Washington). Also, it was requested that Michael Wood contact Brookline to determine how the population study was used, if at all.
2. Task Force developed a preliminary list of questions for potential RFS vendors. Task Force questioned whether some of the known questions should not have been included in the original RFS. Bill Cleary and Michael Wood sending out a clarification to demographic RFS on items that should be included but not limited to; final documents to have information sorted by each town for K-9 in addition to the high school.
3. Bill Cleary and Michael Wood to put RFS responses (due August 10) into a file for Task Force review and to allow Task Force members to generate questions for interviewing potential vendors.
4. Bob Czekanski, Bill Cleary and Mark Jones volunteered to be on the RFS interview sub committee
5. Bob Czekanski reviewed the non-academic space information that he provided at the last meeting. See attached.
 - a. 7 Computer labs- 4 are used as classrooms and 3 are signed out daily by teachers due to the fact that the chrome books cannot handle purchased software. District working on a solution to this, which would free these classrooms up.
 - b. SPED-dedicated spaces-upward trends for specialized quiet

spaces due to increase in ADHD, anxiety, etc which fall outside spectrum. Task Force questioned whether these spaces could be accounted for in the RFS or MSBA? Question left open

6. Task Force questioned the purpose of the media center and its function. Task Force bumped this up to the school committee. Similar to the definition of the district.
7. Future task for the Task Force.
 - a. RFS interview and presentation to School Committee
 - b. Understanding the MSBA Statement of Interest and its process
 - c. Understanding scheduling at the High School as it pertains to overcrowding
8. There is a question about how the current Task Force participants came to be and whether the description provided by the superintendent to the towns was accurate in their functionality. Currently anyone can participate but because of the stated purpose it is unclear that the towns understand that recommendations to the school committee affect the budget.
 - a. Michael Wood to create a list of all Task Force participants for the next meeting so that Task Force can review and flag any voids in representation.
 - b. Michael Wood to bring the original Task Force charter description to towns for review by Task Force to help flag voids which may cause misunderstanding.
9. Kathy Codianne asked for visual chart representing the progression of population growth and programs at the high school since 2000. Jodi Specht has an idea to assemble the 15 years of information
10. Next meeting: August 18