

Minutes from Prudential Committee Meeting – 23 August 2010

Meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm by Linda Waite-Simpson.

Board Members Present: Charlee Day, John Gazo, Linda Waite-Simpson, Dave Reister and Michael Smith

Administrators Present: Grant Geisler

Other individuals present: None

Visitors and Staff to be Heard: Bob Willey, Bridget Meyer, Annie Cooper, Ron Preavy. Bob Willey presented a petition to the board. The petition called for a meeting between the Prudential Committee and the Village Trustees to begin transfer of governance of the Essex Junction Recreation Department to take place ASAP. Several attendees spoke up about the possible transfer of governance.

Principal's Reports: The board discussed the how helpful it was to have the principal's reports. Everyone felt it gave a good sense of keeping up to date with activities in the various schools.

Communication: Board Public Engagement: The board discussed potential engagement opportunities. The board would send representatives to faculty meetings at the various schools. Hiawatha – 19 Oct 10 (Linda Waite-Simpson and Charlee Day). Summit – 28 Oct 10 (Linda Waite-Simpson and Dave Reister). ADL – 7 Oct 10 (Linda Waite-Simpson and Dave Reister). Fleming – 12 Oct 10 (Linda Waite-Simpson and Michael Smith).

The board would also send representatives to the various open houses. Summit – 28 Sep 10 (Linda Waite-Simpson, Dave Reister, and Michael Smith). ADL – 16 Sep 10 (Linda Waite-Simpson and Michael Smith). Hiawatha – 21 Sep 10 (Linda Waite-Simpson and John Gazo). Fleming – 22 Sep 10 (John Gazo and Dave Reister). The board would design a single page document (card or letter size paper) describing upcoming forum for continuing discussion of challenges for change.

The board decided that 8 November 2010, the night of the already scheduled Prudential Committee meeting, would be the night for a public forum to discuss Challenges for Change.

Also, the board has chosen to have at least one member present at the U46 forum.

The board decided that Linda Waite-Simpson would continue writing the board briefs.

Recreation and Parks Governance: Linda and Charlee had attended a meeting on August 16th discussing governance changes. Linda created a 2-page document of initial questions from the Prudential Committee to the Village Trustees about a possible governance change. It was brought up that the next Rec Advisory meeting is scheduled for 24 Sep 10.

Challenges for Change Discussion: Grant discussed the targets that the Essex Junction School District is expected to try to meet. He presented a list of potential financial modifications that had been compiled by the principals along with administration that would help in meeting the goal of \$250,000 reduction in spending.

Consent Agenda: Charlee Day moved and John Gazo seconded a motion to Approve Warrants, Approve Meeting Minutes of 21 Jun and 26 Jul, Approve Recommendations for Professional Appointments, Approve underwriting municipal leases for copiers, Affirm student/parent handbook and approve a request to have Math Olympiad recognized as a co-curricular activity. Motion passed 5-0.

Future Agenda Items: NECAP Science Results, Census Data, Budget Updates, Communications Outreach, set date for December board development.

Meeting re-cap: Michael Smith recapped the events and topics from tonight's meeting.

Executive Session (10:09): John Gazo motioned and Dave Reister seconded the board move into Executive Session. The motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment: The board adjourned at 10:58 pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Michael Smith