

## **Education Committee - Town of Arrowsic**

Arrowsic Town Hall, March 9, 2015

[Draft by Anita Lichman]

*Participants:* Matt Bachman, David Howe, Camille Kauffunger, Anita Lichman

### *Agenda:*

1. Approve last meeting minutes.
2. Create meeting schedule to post for the public.
3. Assigning a Committee representative to the redistricting & high school design committees.
4. Important upcoming dates.
5. Community initiatives.

#### *1. Approve last meeting minutes.*

Camille circulated the minutes from the last meeting and David & Anita, who attended the last meeting, approved the minutes. **David agreed to obtain a binder and submit the the notes from the committee meetings in the binder and file the binder at the Arrowsic Town Hall.**

#### *2. Create a meeting schedule to post for the public.*

Bill Savedof impressed upon the Committee that legally the Committee is obligated to post Committee meeting dates and times ahead of the actual meeting for the public. The Committee agreed that meetings would take place the first Wednesday of each month going forward, except in July when the meeting will take place during the second Wednesday of the month due to the July 4th holiday. The meetings will be held 6pm-7pm at the Arrowsic Town Hall.

- April 6th (David to reserve the fire station if Town Hall is not available.)
- May 6th
- June 3rd
- July 8th

**David agreed to write the meeting times and dates in the calendar at Town Hall and post the dates with automatic announcements in the Arrowsic Google Group & in the Arrow.**

**David also agreed to find out the deadline date for the Committee's summary for the Town annual report.**

The group set a draft agenda for the April 6th meeting to include a review & approval of the RSU1 student list (which will be sent to David by April 1, 2015), a plan to create the annual report Committee summary, and an update on the redistricting committee. At this meeting it was agreed that the Committee would address to what degree the Committee had to account for the students in the district and if it was a priority to have a formal versus informal structure to review the student list from RSU1 going forward. Included in this discussion would be addressing concerns about the amount of time the Committee has spent focusing on exploring the process to review the RSU1 student list.

3. *Assign a Committee representative to the redistricting & high school design committees.*

Redistricting Committee: Bill Savedof [requested](#) that the Committee assign one representative to the redistricting committee for RSU1. Camille shared that the redistricting committee would be convened for a ninety day period with the first meeting being held for March 19, 2015. **David agreed to attend the redistricting committee meeting.**

High School Design Committee: The group discussed sending a representative from the Committee to the High School Redesign Committee. **Camille agreed to clarify the commitment & expertise that is useful for the School Redesign Committee by contacting Bill Savedof & Patrick Manual.**

4. *Important upcoming dates.*

- RSU School Board Meeting: **David agreed to attend the next RSU1 school board meeting March 23, 2015 at 6pm to represent the Committee.**
- RSU1 Choices Pre-K Family Information Night: There is a community meeting for the Choices Pre-K program this Spring. **David agreed to post this announcement to the Arrow and to include the Choices Blog/Website (<http://rsu1choices.blogspot.com/>) and Choices Program contact Rosalie Perkins information (rperkins@rsu1.org or 443-8285 ext 105) once the date is confirmed.**
- RSU1 School Registration: Deadline for registration is May 1st, 2015. There is also the presentation from the State of the Schools on the RSU1 website. **David agreed to post this announcement to the Arrow ([www.rsu1.org](http://www.rsu1.org)).**

5. *Community initiatives.*

- Matt suggested that the Committee start a box top collection initiative and share the collected funds with the schools that the students from Arrowsic attend. **Matt agreed to write up a description of the initiative by the end of the week and David agreed to share the information with the Arrow.**
- Camille suggested that committee start an initiative to invite Arrowsic families to post the success of their students in the Arrow.
- Anita suggested that the Committee identify community events where the Committee may have a stake and be able to represent the Town to the public and interact with families. Potential “back to school BBQ” and “play night” were discussed.

Next Steps

1. David agreed to obtain a binder and submit the the notes from the committee meetings in the binder and file the binder at the Arrowsic Town Hall.

2. David agreed to reserve the Fire Station for April 6th Committee meeting.
3. David agreed to write the meeting times and dates in the calendar at Town Hall and post the dates with automatic announcements in the Arrowsic Google Group & in the Arrow.
4. David also agreed to find out the deadline date for the Committee's summary for the Town annual report.
5. David agreed to attend the redistricting committee meeting.
6. Camille agreed to clarify the commitment & expertise that is useful for the School Redesign Committee by contacting Bill Savedof & Karen Robins.
7. Anita agreed to get David the information about the Choices Family Information session to David.
8. David agreed to post the announcement to the Arrow and to include the Choices Blog/Website (<http://rsu1choices.blogspot.com/>) and Choices Program contact Rosalie Perkins information (rperkins@rsu1.org or 443-8285 ext 105) for the Pre-K information Family Nigh.
9. David agreed to post the announcement about the RSU1 school registration deadline to the Arrow ([www.rsu1.org](http://www.rsu1.org)).
10. Matt agreed to write up a description of the box top initiative by the end of the week and David agreed to share the information with the Arrow.
11. Identify the next RSU1 School Board Meeting date and assign a Committee representative to attend.

#### **Committee's Annual Tasks**

- 1) Create annual monthly meeting schedule & post on town calendar, Google Town calendar, and Arrow publication. (AUGUST?)
- 2) Secure RSU1 School Board meeting schedule & assign Committee members to attend & report back to the Committee (SEPTEMBER?)
- 3) Announce Pre-K information session & RSU1 school registration deadline. (MARCH)
- 4) RSU1 Student List Review & Approval (APRIL)
- 5) Town Annual Report (MONTH-TBD)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.