

## Education Committee - Town of Arrowsic

Arrowsic Town Hall, November 4, 2015

[Draft by Anita Lichman]

*Participants:* Dena Bachman, Erin Hart, Camille Kauffunger, Anita Lichman

*Agenda:*

1. *Review Agenda*
2. *Approve October Minutes*
3. *Arrowsic Arrow*
4. *RSU1 School Board Meeting Report*
5. *Fall Festival*

1. Review Agenda

It was agreed to table two topics from the proposed agenda: scholarship committee and connecting with Tim Harkins. The Committee agreed to forward those items to next month's agenda.

2. Approve last meeting minutes.

All those who attended the last meeting approved the minutes. **Anita** agreed to forward the October 2015 meeting notes to the Town webmaster.

3. Arrow

- It was noted that the box tops write up Dena submitted was edited to fit the format of the Arrow.
- The Committee learned that the Arrowsic Accolades will move in a more general direction to include all accolades and not just education based accolades,
- Erin had several recommendations to support the growth of the "Kid's Express" section of the Arrow, to ensure the name of the section was inclusive of all youth and not just "kids" and to guide the submission with a theme to help with structure.

- It was noted the next Arrow would be heavily focused on the fire station discussion of new equipment. The Committee talked about having drawings of fire trucks, the possibility of holding a January event at the fire station related to fire safety.

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4. RSU1 School Board Meeting Report

Anita shared the notes from the RSU1 school board meeting held on October 26th, 2015. With approximately 20 people in attendance the main topics were reports from a high school teacher on the sabbatical he took last year, reports from school board members on an education focused conference they attended (with highlights on the heroin epidemic, child abuse reporting guidelines for educators, farm to table in the schools, and standards based education), and a vote buy the board to build a new high school (versus renovate the existing high school). Camille collected themes from the school board meeting and encouraged the group about reaching out to school board members to gain momentum and attention to issues of importance.

5. Fall festival planning.

There was discussion about the activity line up for the festival. The group reviewed the activity line. **Anita** agreed to update the google document with the Committee's comments. Please see document for details.

To be brought and/or bought: apples, mums, paper towels (Erin), cups (Dena), pitchers of water, trash bags, recycling bin.

Next Steps

1. **Anita** agreed to forward the October 2015 meeting notes to the Town webmaster.
2. **Anita** agreed to update the google document for the fall festival.
3. **Committee members** committed to bringing supplies for the fall festival (see google sheet and small supply list above).

**Committee's Annual Tasks**

1. Create annual monthly meeting schedule & post on town calendar, Google Town calendar, and Arrow publication. (AUGUST)
2. Identify Arrow newsletter submission dates, coordinate submission dates with Committee meetings to ensure timely announcements/material from the Committee in the newsletter (2015-2016 months of publication are listed as August, November, February, May). (AU- GUST)
3. Secure RSU1 School Board meeting schedule & assign Committee members to attend & report back to the Committee (SEPTEMBER)

4. RSU1 Student List Review & Approval (OCTOBER)
5. Announce Pre-K information session & RSU1 school registration deadline. (MARCH)
6. Town Annual Report (MARCH)
7. RSU1 Student List Review & Approval (APRIL)
8. Submit annual Committee budget request to Select Board. (APRIL)
9. Prepare for Town meeting presentation. (JUNE)

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.**

**Next Committee meeting is December 2nd at 6pm at Town Hall.**