

Education Committee - Town of Arrowsic

Arrowsic Town Hall, July 8, 2015

[Draft by Anita Lichman]

Participants: Camille Kauffunger, David Howe, Anita Lichman

Agenda:

1. Approve last meeting minutes.
2. Community initiatives.
3. RSU1 meeting schedule & Committee responsibilities.
4. RSU1 school board composition.
5. Upcoming Committee meetings.

1. *Approve last meeting minutes.*

All those who attended the last meeting approved the minutes. **Anita agreed to forward the June 2015 meeting notes to the Town webmaster.** David shared the binder with the Committee's meeting notes and Camille placed the binder in Town Hall.

2. *Community initiatives.*

- A. Box top collection: Currently there are twenty two box tops collected at Town Hall. The Committee agreed to accept box tops during non office hours for the town hall submitted via envelopes/baggies etc. and slid through the town hall door slat. **Camille is going to contact the scholarship committee** and express interest in supporting the annual yard sale for the scholarship committee. In addition, Camille will mention to include box top collection as part of the education committee's presence at the scholarship committee's annual yard sale. It was also mentioned to include discussion of future collaboration/merging with the scholarship committee.
- B. Arrowsic Accolades: **Anita will draft a description** to introduce the concept of including a quarterly section in the Arrowsic Arrow inviting town members to celebrate education related successes for themselves and/or their children. It was noted the goal was to start the Accolades section in the fall of 2015.
- C. Events: The Committee brainstormed potential events for the coming year including collaborating with the Shellfish Committee, Matt Bachman's contact regarding science, Conservation Commission, herbalist, mushroom expert, Jack Witham, Sharon Pyne/Music, and hosting a fall (October 2015) harvest event (cider pressing, touch a truck, bring things from your garden to share etc.), scavenger hunt, kid's campout, or board game night (including starting earlier in the evening than the current game night). Key components of all Committee related events were listed as including food, collecting information about needs/wants of town members related to education, securing contact information, & promoting and operationalizing youth development.

The Committee agreed that August would be a planning meeting to discuss the October 2015 event. Camille agreed to lead the charge to recruit participants to help run the event.

3. RSU1 meeting schedule & Committee responsibilities.

David shared the next RSU1 meeting is scheduled for August 24th at 6pm. **Camille agreed to secure RSU1 board meeting schedule** for the upcoming year and the Committee will assign member coverage of the board meetings.

4. RSU1 school board composition.

David shared that the new RSU1 board will be composed of 7 at large members, with a residency requirement for at least four representatives from each of the town included in RSU1 (Arrowsic, Bath, Phippsburgh, Woolwich). **Camille offered to reach out to Tim Harkins to offer support on behalf of the Committee.**

5. Upcoming Committee meetings.

- August 5th, 2015
- September 2nd, 2015
- October 7th, 2015
- November 4th, 2015
- December 2nd, 2015

6pm at the Arrowsic Town Hall. It was agreed that **Camille will reach out to Karen Robbins** to clarify the concern Karen mentioned about finding ways to discuss Arrowsic's involvement in RSU1.

Next Steps

1. Anita agreed to forward the June 2015 meeting notes to the Town webmaster
2. Camille is going to contact the scholarship committee to discuss collaboration on the yard sale.
3. Anita is going to draft a description of the Arrowsic Accolades to share with the Committee for feedback.
4. Camille agreed to secure RSU1 board meeting schedule.
5. Camille offered to reach out to Tim Harkins to offer support on behalf of the Committee.

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) Town Annual Report (MARCH)
- 5) RSU1 Student List Review & Approval (APRIL)
- 6) Submit annual Committee budget request to Select Board. (APRIL)
- 7) Prepare for Town meeting presentation. (JUNE)

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

Next Committee meeting is August 5th at 6pm at Town Hall.