

Education Committee - Town of Arrowsic  
Patten Free Library - April 27, 2016 5pm

{Notes drafted by Anita Lichman}

Participants: Camille Kauffunger, Anita Lichman, Jerry Pieh

Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes
2. Student List
3. RSU1 School Board Meeting

#### 1. Approve Minutes

Minutes were approved. Anita will forward final minutes from the March 2016 meeting to the Town webmaster to post for public viewing.

#### 2. Student List

Camille collected feedback from the RSU1 student list detailing Arrowsic student and confirmed accuracy for the 39 students on the list. Camille also cross referenced the RSU1 proposed school budget for the coming fiscal year to confirm the budgeted amount for Arrowsic students is also accurate.

#### 3. RSU1 School Board Meeting

Camille confirmed a May 2nd RSU1 school board meeting to vote on the final proposed school budget. Camille will identify a Committee member to attend on behalf of the Committee.

During the meeting there was conversation where Jerry helped the Committee formulate strategies to gather and present information to town members. Jerry suggested focusing on issues that make Arrowsic unique including school choice, access to transportation to/from school, summer programming resources, and resources/limits to support students with special needs. Jerry also highlighted focusing on issues of the times such as standards/common core, STEM/STEAM, safety policies and procedures, and proficiency based learning as a way to gain input. This led to putting a small group of things on the agenda for the next meeting:

- Creating a resource for Arrowsic families navigating the school process focused on the unique position of not having a school in the town.
- Discuss summer resources for families as a connection to the activity services the Committee has been exploring.
- Prepare for the town meeting.
- Consider bringing on a youth member of the Committee.
- Identify 1 to 2 ways to assess town members interests about topics related to education.

Jerry also offered his expertise in the areas of STEAM, education administration, and with nature based educational programming to the Committee as a resource.

## NEXT STEPS:

Anita will forward final minutes from the March 2016 meeting to the Town webmaster to post for public viewing.

Camille will identify a Committee member to attend the May 2nd RSU1 Board Meeting 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) 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). (AUGUST)
- 3) Secure RSU1 School Board meeting schedule & assign Committee members to attend & report back to the Committee (SEPTEMBER)
- 4) Identify date & outreach schedule for the Fall Festival., create event work plan. (SEPTEMBER)
- 5) RSU1 Student List Review & Approval (OCTOBER)
- 6) Announce Pre-K information session & RSU1 school registration deadline. (MARCH)
- 7) Town Annual Report (MARCH)
- 8) RSU1 Student List Review & Approval (APRIL)
- 9) Submit annual Committee budget request to Select Board. (APRIL)
- 10) Prepare for Town meeting presentation. (JUNE)

Meeting with adjourned 5:45pm. The next meeting is May 18th at 6pm at Town Hall.