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Committee: Mayoral Committee on Designing Franklin's Education for the 21st Century

Meeting Date: June 29, 2018

Location: The Franklin Studio, 366 Central St, Franklin, NH

Members:

Chair: Jo Brown, City Council

Chris Kneeland, School Board

Tony Schinella, Director of Communications, NH Dept of Education

Sandra Burney, Retired Teacher/Administrator, Merrimack Valley/Hopkinton School Districts

Carol Hodgdon, Retired Teacher, Franklin High School

The purpose of this first meeting was for all members to meet. Most of us did not know each other so we learned about each other's backgrounds, etc.

We talked about how we wanted to move forward with our group and agreed to all take a look at the contents of the Mayor's direction to make sure we follow his intent. Tony offered to put it into an editable document for all to review and comment. We also wanted to put together a Vision and Mission statement. Jo agreed to draft a sample and send out.

The team will look at data regarding like sized school and city budgets. Because of his position at the State level, Tony has access to this public data to make comparisons to see how other like-sized communities are doing their budgets for town/city/school and can we learn what works in other communities that we might want to look at for Franklin. We can also learn what Franklin is doing right as we move forward. We will be looking at this publicly available data as we continue to meet.

We also discussed Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs). Jo will get in contact with the Hinsdale School District which has developed a very robust ELO program and report back to the committee.

The team felt that as we move forward we need to rely on data to ensure no bias. Our hope is to lay out where we are, as a school system and a city, where we would like to be, and what it would take to get there. Ideally this would be presented in a public forum as there may be tax cap implications.

Our next meeting is a public meeting, July 17 @ 5:30 in the meeting room in the basement of City Hall.

Respectfully submitted

Jo Brown, Chair

All future meetings will be public meetings posted by the City Manager's office.