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

**Meeting Date:** November 15, 2018

**Location:** City Hall (Blue Room) 316 Central St, Franklin, NH

**Members:**

Chair: Jo Brown, City Council

Chris Kneeland, School Board

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

Carol Hodgdon, Retired Teacher, Franklin High School

**Present:**

Jo Brown

Carol Hodgdon

Sandra Burney

Chris Kneeland

**Agenda:**

- Public Comments
- Approve Minutes of October 18
- November 29 Education Day

**Other Business:**

- Review of all input to the board
- Adjourn

**Public Comment:**

- There was no public comment

**Minutes:**

- Minutes of the October 18 meeting were approved.

**November 29 Education Day:**

- Final preparations are being made for the committee sponsored Education Day on November 29. Speakers from the NH DOE, Hinsdale NH School district, and the Uncharted organization talking about science and art instruction in a non-traditional method. There will also be a presentation by the Franklin CFO about the funding of the city school district.

**Other Business:**

- There was a frank discussion and review of all of the comments received by the board to date through personal conversation, email, letter, etc. Some of the allegations are serious and deserve to be reviewed and validated. School board member and committee member Chris Kneeland agreed to try to get some more information on the more contentious feedback. Overall, the sense of much of the comments heard from the public was a desire to streamline services between the city and school district, and to provide more leadership and direction from top school management. A new principal in the Middle School and new programming at Paul Smith by the second-year principal do seem to be providing more school programming structure, but there is concern about activities at the high school coming from several sources. The high school is working with Colby-Sawyer to provide opportunities to the students in the second semester.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Our next meeting will be December 20, if needed prior to the holiday, at City Hall (Blue Room) 316 Central St, Franklin, NH All future meetings are planned to be the third Thursday of each month.

Respectfully submitted Jo Brown, Chair

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