

Unapproved

Peacham School Board
Grades 7/8 Planning Meeting
July 28, 2008
Peacham Elementary School

Present: Jean Dedam, Martha Tucker, Superintendent, Shelley Green, Paula Guion
Wendy Olcott, Jo Anne Post, Judy Chypre, Wendy Morgan, Karen Joyce, Julie Hansen

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m.
2. Approval of minutes: The minutes of July 1, 2008 were approved with two changes: "various independent school models" is added to the junior high and middle school models; and "style of delivery" is added to clarify the word "packaging."
3. Input from Martha Tucker: To help simplify the committee's work, Superintendent Tucker pointed out that curriculum requirements, school quality standards and teacher licensure requirements are all spelled out by the Department of Education. The committee will, however, need to do further research into the areas of social/emotional needs, allied arts and co-curricular opportunities. Ms. Tucker clarified that community volunteers can only work with students if they have the appropriate licensure, or if a teacher of record in that area is present to supervise.
4. Community vote: A special meeting to discuss and vote on the addition of grades 7/8 will be scheduled in November or December. Possible dates mentioned were November 8 or December 6. A date with the fewest possible conflicts will be selected.
5. The committee will interview small pre-K/8 public schools, including Walden, Glover, East Haven, Newark, Sutton and Washington Village School. A list of questions covering academic, social, allied arts and co-curricular areas was reviewed. It was suggested that questions be added regarding facilities and attrition rates. Committee members volunteered to call specific schools.
6. Financial study: Jo Anne will meet with Rob Billings to work out a rough budget for a middle school program.
7. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Anne Post

Next meeting: Thursday, August 28 at 4:00 p.m.