



A public meeting of the
Stratham Memorial School - Vision Committee



MONDAY - OCTOBER 1, 2007 - 6:30 PM

Stratham Memorial School
39 Gifford Farm Road
Stratham, New Hampshire

All SMS Vision Committee meetings are open to the public and will be posted accordingly.

AGENDA

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Minutes - September 10, 2007
Public Input / Visitor Comment
Discussion - Testing Impact
Discussion - Appropriate Class Sizes
Old Business
New Business / Wrap-up
Next Meeting Date - November 5, 2007 - 6:30 PM
Adjournment

Charge of the Stratham Memorial School Vision Committee

Stratham Memorial School, as of the 2006-07 school year, has run out of room for the current educational mission of the program. The Stratham School Board has authorized a vision committee to provide guidance to the board for both future programming requirements as well as the resultant space requirements. As the building is approaching its twentieth anniversary we want a new ten year view of what educational challenges we may face as well as community needs for our younger children.

The committee should approach its charge not assuming this to be a building committee. We may find either the current building is sufficient for our future requirements and/or that there are additional facilities in Stratham that could meet the vision. The key starts with the programs / offerings that the committee identifies as meeting the needs of students at Stratham Memorial School.

Presently SMS serves children starting at age three and educates children through the fifth grade. Children in sixth grade and beyond are served presently by the Cooperative School District. Consideration by the committee for these older children is not encouraged under this charge owing to the substantial penalty costs Stratham residents would incur in restructuring the current Cooperative agreement.

The committee should take into account the tax implications and property value impacts to the community for any recommendations. User-fee programs are part of the charge.

The SMS Vision Committee should target Spring, 2008 to make their presentation to the board with recommendations for consideration.