



UNAPPROVED MINUTES **UNAPPROVED**

Stratham Memorial School - Vision Committee

MONDAY - MARCH 3, 2008 - 6:30 PM

Stratham Memorial School Library

39 Gifford Farm Road

Stratham, New Hampshire



Present: Luke Breton, Stratham School Board-Chair/Committee Co-Chair; John Hazekamp, Stratham School Board / Committee Co-Chair; Tom Foshier, Principal; Laura Batchelder, Teacher Representative; Lisa Calandra; Joe Kenick III; Judy Merrill; Travis Thompson; Jon Tymann (departed early); Jeff Wilson.

Absent: Tony Baldassaro, Mark Poirier, Doug Scamman, Rogers Johnson.

Audience: Becky Ruel, Assistant Principal.

Handouts: Minutes - 2/4/08 (unapproved), Agenda - 3/3/08, .

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Breton opened the meeting at 6:40 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes - February 4, 2008 no revisions suggested.

3. Visitor Comments - None.

4. Discussion / Demographics - Mr. Francese talked to the committee about his research and findings; The population growth of surrounding towns and how the direction that growth is headed is going to negatively impact our area in the near future. New Hampshire's decline in population growth in 2000 - 2001 from 1.4%, to the year 2006 - 2007 that has fallen to 0.3% indicates people are moving out of the state. Yet households are growing much faster than school enrollment in most towns and the problems with taxes and growth are not the result of children moving into town. Clinging to cultural icons such as influx of children creating high taxes will be the demise of our society. Mr. Francese completed his follow-up question period and left the meeting at 7:45 PM.

5. Discussion / Individual Research - Some committee members talked about their focus areas: Laura started the discussion with her findings from Teacher Input; Lisa followed Laura with the name of a firm (NHSAA) that does Space Evaluation; Joe then talked about the information he brought relative to Mandates found on the NH Dept. of Education and NH School Boards Association websites; and Jeff talked about the Class Size materials he brought. Committee members left to present are: Judy / Demographics, Travis / Programming, Jon & Doug / Space Efficiency, Mark / Special Ed. and John / Technology (for Tony).

6. Old Business - None

7. New Business / Wrap-up -

The SMS Vision Committee's agendas, minutes, and support materials are available on the SAU16 / SMS website with video recorded DVDs of the meetings available through the town's Wiggin Memorial library, courtesy of Minuteman Documentation.

8. Next Meeting Date - May 5, 2007 - 6:30 PM .

9. Adjournment - 9:25 PM