

## Dresden Education Exploratory Committee

January 10, 2023  
First Official Meeting

Present - Leah Bickford (Chair), Gary Blau, Karen Moody (Committee Secretary), Jonathan Doray, Peter Elvin, and Shari Lilly (Recording secretary).

This is the official meeting since being approved by the Dresden Board of Selectmen.

Leah asked if there are any public comments. Having none, she proceeded to the Old Business which is researching educational avenues and to explore our priorities for our research.

Going through the list she provided, she continued with following her guidelines.

3.2 - Complete list of questions. This is to gather questions that can be used when speaking to all the other places we plan to check with. This way we will have a standard set so we can keep everything on an even keel for our research and responses.

*Jonathan will contact the Richmond school and Mr. Hughes who was on their research board.*

3.3 - Create Teams. Have two people to a team for specific research areas. This way we won't have people working on the same thing.

Karen thinks we would be able to answer a lot of questions when we get the information from Richmond who has withdrawn from the RSU2 system. Also, she will be getting a lot of the paperwork from Jeff Pierce who had chaired the previous Exploratory Committee. Jonathan asked if we have any information in regard to accepting our students in Richmond. Gary said the vote in Dresden back then was not in favor of joining Richmond.

Leah suggested going to Bridge Academy Library where we would have access to computers and the internet for researching as we don't have that here at the Hall. She added that we can also do power points if we have access to a projector or a computer set up for that purpose.

We will check with the Librarian to find out what days the library is available. (Shari)

Teams - Karen Moody (Lead) & Jonathan Doray will get research on Richmond & Wiscasset.

Gary Blau (Lead) & Peter Elvin will do the tuition-based options/Charter Schools.

Karen asked if we should appoint others to do research on other issues? No, we need to let the members choose for themselves.

Peter asked if we have each others emails. Leah said no, Shari sends out to everyone.

Leah also reminded everyone that they will need to be sworn in at the town office if they haven't yet.

Also, now that the Communicator will again be sent out to all homes, we can include our information in that so people will know what's going on. Peter suggested to ask people to join so we can have a nice diversity of input.

Leah will get with Lisa to find out if she would be willing to do Bath and Gardiner schools.

4.2 - Someone to collect research from each member to send to Daniel for the website. Probably Shari would be the one to send it to.

We will also need to do research on grants at some point.

Meeting closed at 7:02 p.m.

Shari Lilly