

Dresden Education Committee (formerly Exploratory Committee)
Informational Meeting Only
November 03, 2022
Notes & discussions

Present - Leah Bickford, Daniel Swain, Gary Blau, Karen Moody, Lisa Hewitt, Jonathan Doray, Peter Elvin and Shari Lilly.

This meeting was formed at the request of Leah Bickford to pursue the research for the future educational interests of the students of Dresden to be provided the best possible school atmosphere and education while keeping the costs to the benefit of the town. This process had been done previously, but was discontinued due to various reasons by the townspeople at the June 2022 town meeting.

The following is a brief summary of the discussions.

Leah provided copies of some thoughts as to the purpose and specific interests that she would like to have everyone look over to see if these would be our goals or to add to the list. She added that this is an informational gathering only to discuss the future of the education for our students. She asked if we want to move forward with researching other options, including our present status, to see what would be the best fit for our students, as well as, financial for the taxpayers of Dresden. What are we looking for and how do we want to approach this goal?

Daniel Swain, Dresden Town Administrator, is here to assist us with any information or guidance we may need from the town office.

First, we need to create a new title for this committee as it is felt that the former title "RSU2 Exploratory/Review" is not a good fit for this group. It was agreed this committee will be known as the "Dresden Education Committee" but, we will need to ask the Select Board to allow this committee to convene.

After the previous try did not get townspeople approval to move forward, we need to look at what we can improve on if we are given the go-ahead. Our primary focus is to deliver the best possible amount of information to the public in a manner that we will all be able to understand. Going from how things have been done in the past to what we would need to provide in the future while still making sure we have the best interest of the students and their education as our top priority.

We do have material from the previous committee that we can begin with for updating the information. That can be a starting point.

Leah thanks everyone who is here and wanting to help with this. She will submit a request to the Select Board seeking their approval to convene this committee and we can plan to meet again on Monday, December 05 at 6 p.m. She will also request to have Shari Lilly as the recording secretary for the minutes as she had held that position previously.

Meeting closed at 7:20 p.m.