

Walpole K-8 Research Committee Meeting Notes
5/15/24

Present: Diana Watson Petrie, Stan Hutchings, Jean Kobeski, Chas Street, Steve Varone,
Jo Cowgill

Absent: Tom Ronning

Meeting Commenced at 6:35.

It was announced that Greg Lent has stepped off the committee.

The group again discussed the word *district*:

- Entity that runs one or more schools.
- Has its own school board
- Functions like a corporate entity with a tax ID number
- Puts together the local budget like FM puts together our district budget

There was a discussion about the three buildings in Walpole. All three belong to the Fall Mountain School District. If Walpole once again gained ownership, would changes need to be made to bring buildings to code? How could usage of one or more of these buildings change?

Charts were made with headings of areas the committee needs to explore. Stickies were added to the charts as the group brainstormed topics within each heading. Headings included:

- Buildings
- Transportation
- Personnel
- Programs
- Culture
- Demographic Trends
- Budget

Action Items - Committee members volunteered to research the topics:

- Stan - Will ask Mistee Bushee for the Walpole Budget and all 6 Method budgets
Walpole share of the \$25 million is for Walpole
Walpole share of the remaining \$11 million
- Jo - Buildings
- Jean and Diana - Personnel and Programs
- Transportation - Steve
- Culture - Chas