

Pre-K - 8 Withdrawal Study Committee Notes  
7/17/24

**Present:** Jo Cowgill, Stan Hutchings, Jean Kobeski, Chas Street, Steve Varone,  
Diana Petrie, Carolyn Vose

**Absent:** Tom Ronning

**Visitor:** Katy Haas

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m.

Diana distributed copies of the second draft of the committee's report. We took about ten minutes to read this draft, which reflected changes committee members requested last week. We reviewed the document, section by section, and made further revisions. Diana will incorporate these changes into a third draft this week.

Jean expressed concern that the committee has not spoken to some key figures representing Walpole in the school district, both currently and in the past. After discussing this, we were each given the name of someone to contact for an interview. It was decided that any new information we gather from these individuals can be emailed to committee members for discussion. We will then decide what Diana should incorporate into the report.

Jo expressed regret over the continuing rift among the towns in the district and expressed a desire to explore a way to find compromise among them.

No further meetings have been scheduled but the group will continue to communicate via email.

**Action Items:**

1. Chas and Stan will contact Sam Jacobs.
2. Steve will contact one of our current school board members.
3. Jean and Jo will contact a former school board member and our current at-large school board member.
4. Diana will work on the third draft of our report.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7:50 p.m.