

# **SMARTR Committee Update**

Manchester Board of Directors Meeting  
June 12, 2012  
Lincoln Center  
7:00pm

# Appointed Positions

- Chair: Mike Crockett
- Vice Chair: Megan Alubicki
- Secretary: Jason Doucette
- Facilitator: Sara Walton

# Schedule of Meetings

- Meetings: 4/17, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/15, 5/24

# 4/17 Key Actions

- Discussion of Committee's charge, role as an advisory committee on this topic to BOD and BOE
- Appointment of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Facilitator
- Set schedule for initial school visits to Nathan Hale, Verplank, Robertson, Washington (4/28 at 8:00am)

# 4/25 Key Actions

- Mike Zuba presentation (enrollment trends, town data related to education facilities)
- Question and Answer related to presentation

# 5/2 Key Actions

- Sara Walton presentation on draft chart of objectives and educational models.
  1. Identify the design need.
  2. Meet projected enrollment requirements.
  3. Allow for a racially balanced school district.
  4. Consider impact of curriculum and instruction.
  5. Identify necessary capital improvements.
  6. Demonstrate long-term fiscal responsibility.
- Discussion on the use of/adoption of this type of chart to guide decision making.
- Second round of school visits held on 5/5 at 8:00am

# 5/9 Key Actions

- Review and discussion of demographic, subgroup and enrollment data provided by Supt.
- Presentation and discussion of town land use map including population density and school catchment areas
- Discussion on Ms. Walton's matrix; identification of possible instructional models for the committee to research further
- Third round school visits held on 5/15 at 5:00pm

# 5/15 Key Actions

- Agreement reached that a modified version of Ms. Walton's matrix may be used when evaluating school models
- Discussion of committee's ground rules
- Extensive discussion on models, considerations for Manchester, charters/magnets, transiency, neighborhood schools
- Next steps for committee



# 5/24 Key Actions

- Discussion of summer schedule (fewer meetings)
- Discussion on arranging speakers to describe various school models at subsequent meetings
- Mike Zuba presentation at next meeting for follow up questions and additional data presentation
- Fourth round of school visits (and next meeting) set for 6/20 at 5:30pm

# Next Steps

- Identify individuals to present at subsequent meetings on their experience with certain educational models
- Use modified matrix and personnel to determine effectiveness of models (with reference to Manchester's specific needs as a community)
- Engage individuals (Mr. Zuba, Mr. Ziegler, Mr. Shanley, Dr. Kisiel, etc.) to provide additional information, as needed, in their areas of expertise

# Next Steps

- Continue to update Board of Directors and Board of Education
- Provide recommendations based on the SMARTR Committee objectives to the BOD and BOE