

Winsor - McCabe Unification Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2020 6:30pm  
District Administration Office  
49 Farnum Pike

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PRESENT: Judith Paolucci, Brian Ackerman, Catherine Pleau, Jill Austin, Sandra Barrette, Deb Bettencourt, Michele Borden, Jacqueline Brooks, Georgette Brousseau, Monica Bucci, Deb Calderon, Lori Chobanian, Clifford Clift, Tara Clift, Donna D'Andrea, Monica Driscoll, Amanda Fafard, Jenny Hannan, Jaina Harrison, Elizabeth Karatjas, Holly-Anne Keenan, Jessica Lakeway, Robert Lanzieri, Ashley Loiselle, Josh Loiselle, Nancy Luca, Lea Maroney, Patrice Martinelli, Jennifer Matteson, Allison Nugent, Jennifer Pushee, Edward Quattrini, Tori Reece, Jennifer Ross, Brooke Rossi, Jen Trainor, Pam Traverse, Beth White, Melissa Wilkinson, Barbara Zinni

- I. Introductions
- II. Mission: The mission of the unification committee is to build a cohesive school culture that unites the students and staff of McCabe ES and Winsor ES through events, communication, and other means.
- III. Facility Construction Update - the Superintendent updated the group on the elementary construction project and reminded everyone that there is a webpage where information is updated regularly:  
<https://www.smithfield-ps.org/o/smithfield-public-schools/page/construction-update>
- IV. How our mission may translate to action
  - A. Planned events - the group brainstormed possible events to organize to bring the student bodies, staff, and parents together. These include:
    1. Trunk or Treat
    2. Field Day
    3. Bringing students into McCabe, whenever possible
    4. Walk-a-Thon
    5. PTOs fundraise together for the courtyard area
    6. Pen pals & using iPads and Go Pros to video communicate with each other
    7. Combine 5th grade committees
    8. Time capsule
    9. Basketball tournament at the McCabe basketball courts
    10. Class ambassadors
    11. Connecting through local organizations, such as the little league
    12. Spelling bee
    13. Live cam on the construction site
    14. Combined art/music show and/or learning night
  - B. Regular communications

C. New school name, mission, traditions

1. Perhaps, the names of the current schools can become part of the new school, such as the Anna McCabe cafeteria or the William Winsor gymnasium.
2. Having a new name, motto, logo, can help with communications. Come up with the name early- so we can create an identity- "Your future mascot and logo" and get kids excited.
3. Bring special items, such as the tiles in the hallway, and incorporate into infrastructure of new building.
4. NOTE: In a January 2-8, 2020 article about Al Bruno, it appears that Mr. Bruno has been advocating for a re-naming of Old County Road School to Veterans Memorial ES, due to the original building being dedicated to Veterans by its name: Veterans Memorial Junior High School.

D. Other/ Next Steps

1. At our next meeting, we will create subgroups to work on specific projects, such as events, pen pals, school name, etc.
2. Connect PTOs as early as the spring.
3. Judy will share colors of the floor at the next meeting
4. Meetings will be monthly
5. Create a platform for our combined school in our apps
6. Send meeting notes to PTO officers for distribution.
7. Each school- collect a list of all events, share, and decide which we should keep. PTO should play a role, schools should play a role.