

Minutes: DLR Shared Services Committee

Date: January 15, 2019

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Roscoe Central School Cafeteria

Attendees: John Evans Gray Stevens Gary Dahlman
Kelly Hendrickson Jackie France Chris Towsley
Rob Rhinehart Tim Maguire Bonnie Seegmiller
Janet Champlin Jeremy Jenkusky Elliott Madison
Chris Hubert Lauren Marrero Kevin Callagy
Mary Davis Rosa Finkel Tim Clark
Tasse Niforatos Dawn Dauria Lynn Wachter

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Facilitator, Gray Stevens, opened the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Mr. Stevens and Superintendent Evans reviewed the items on the agenda.

The Implementation Grant applied for in July was approved and accepted for the total amount applied for, \$660,000 minus the local share (10%) for a total of \$594,000. The share areas being funded are:

- *Establish and share an 8:1:1 classroom between the 3 schools.
- *Contract with a Special Education Program Consultant for up to 3 years to transition to an overall manager for the 3 schools special education program, rather than 3 managers.
- *Purchase identified “big ticket” equipment to be shared between the 3 schools and purchase a trailer to transport the equipment between and amongst the schools.
- *Fund, over a 3 year period, the transition from 3 District Data Coordinators (one in each school) to a single DDC for all 3 schools.

The merits of each of these four funding area initiatives was reviewed and questions answered from the committee.

The status of the MAG study on Business Office shares was reviewed. The study is in pre-draft form. The next step is for the 3 Boards to review it and make suggestions, ask questions, etc for MAG to incorporate into their study. Once the study is completed, it will go out to the committee.

Athletics continue to be a challenge. Due to the variety of complicating factors (distance between Downsville and Manor, different athletic leagues and Sections, declining interest in athletics by students, difficulty in finding coaches, to name a few) it is suggested that the 3 athletic directors, the high school principals, and the superintendent meet, as many times as necessary, to outline the realities of sharing athletics between the districts and how to overcome as many as possible. **This sub-committee is charged with listing options as to how to make athletics work for as many students as possible and come back to this group to outline and discuss those options.** This will require new ways of looking at the problem since the old ways are not working. Thinking outside the box will be absolutely critical to finding solutions to this thorny issue. It will be imperative to remember that we are charged with providing as many options as possible for our students.

Next steps in this current process of identifying and implementing shares are:

1. Initiating the shares and transitions that are supported in the Implementation Grant.

2. Documenting the processes that are needed to make each of the implementations work. Policies will be identified to codify each of the implementations and will need to be adopted by each of the 3 Boards. Some of this documenting has already begun.
3. We need to identify the area(s) of sharing to be included in the next Implementation Grant that we will apply for in July. After discussion, it was agreed that the Business Office share should be the next area to apply for implementation (assuming the Mag report is complete and reviewed by the committee). It is unlikely, but possible, that some aspect of athletic sharing may be solidified by the end of the year. If there is a funding need for implementation of that particular aspect of an athletic share, that may be included in the funding request as well.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 4 at Livingston Manor. Time TBA.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Gray Stevens