

Friends of RSU 16

Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2023

Present: Amy Hediger, Mary Martin, Ann Printup, Bob Klar, Brittany Hemond, Hester Gilpatric, Arthur Reed, Vic Hodgkins

Welcome: Introductions were made and appreciation was expressed to those in attendance.

RSU 16 Futures Task Force Update: Amy Hediger, Task Force Facilitator, provided an overview of the work of the Futures Task Force which included:

- Views from a slideshow illustrating some of the challenges within RSU 16 buildings
- A review of class sizes by building and district
- An overview of school budget trends from 2009-2023
- Current assessments being done to determine the costs to catch up on deferred maintenance and address heating issues
- Recommendations from the Futures Task Force to the RSU 16 School Board
- Outline of the upcoming work for the RSU 16 School Board and timeline (Now, Next, Future)

Discussion followed on the importance of community outreach and ways to engage local resources.

Brainstorm Topics/Presentations for Future Meetings

- Social Emotion Learning/Supports for behavioral and social issues
- Music Programs in RSU 16 – Current programs and what's missing
- RSU 16 Transportation
- Continue to have presentations that highlight our students and programs

Meeting Schedule: Elm Street School Conference Room, 9:00: October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, February-No meeting, March 14, April 11, May 9