

Columbia School Board Meeting Minutes

Date	10/02/2018
Time	4:30 p.m.
Location	Columbia Town Office
Chairperson	Christopher Brady

Attendance

Attendance Legend: **P** – Present **A** – Absent

School Board Members		Principals		SAU Members			
E	Chris Brady	P	Cara Lariviere	P	Dan Gorham	P	Bruce Beasley
P	Stacey Campbell			E	Mark Fiorentino	P	Cheryl Covill

Public in Attendance: Clint Brooks and Chris Paquette

Item	Subject	Action
1.	Agenda Adjustment: None	
2.	<p>Stacey Campbell called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.</p> <p>Reading of the Minutes:</p> <p><u>S. Campbell / C. Lariviere:</u> To approve the minutes of September 5, 2018 as presented corrected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove C. Brooks and C. Paquette from public in attendance 	Vote: Unanimous
	<p>Special Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
3.	<p>School Administrators' Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colebrook Elementary School – Dan Gorham, Principal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recognition Wall Ceremony will be held on October 19th in the cafeteria lobby. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ David Killam, Jean Maxwell and Sue Bailey will be recognized ○ Upcoming Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Earthquake Drill on the Great American Shakeout Day ▪ Unity Day – Stand up against bullying ○ First quarter will soon be coming to an end 	
4.	<p>Superintendent's Report: Bruce Beasley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Homecoming events at Colebrook Academy and Colebrook Elementary School were a lot of fun. There was lots of spirit, a large crowd to watch the parade, and good participation by the student body. The floats were designed around video games of the 80's with the senior float "Mario Brothers" taking first place. • The collaborative effort of the schools is going well again this year. We have between 30 and 35 students participating in the collaborative courses. Each time I see the students in the schools I check in with them to see how it is going and they all report that things are well. I recently met with the three student councils and asked them for ways to improve the collaboration. Their feedback was insightful and will be used as the work moves forward. 	

4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The building and transportation sub-committee of the larger Collaborative Committee has completed tours of all schools in Canaan and SAU 7. This team will meet on 10/2 to look at the buildings and prepare a report for the larger collaborative group. The other sub-committee has met with student councils and staff to explore potential offerings and additional extra-curricular activities that could possibly be offered. • The two open houses at Colebrook Elementary School were well attended. A shout out to Dan Gorham and the CES staff for taking the time to open the school to parents and families. Opportunities similar to this one help to push back the walls of our schools and help to build trust with families. • The fall seasons are now underway. Both teams have opened the season in competitive fashion. If you have a chance to get out and support the teams I am sure they would love to see a large group cheering them on from the sidelines. • The committee that was formed to look at future uses of Colebrook Academy has presented to the Colebrook School Board. I will share their possible options with the Columbia board at our meeting on 10/2. 	
5.	<p>Business Administrator: Cheryl Covill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated the Board on the Public Infrastructure grant 	
6.	<p>Connecticut River Collaborative Committee Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting is October 4, 2018 	
7.	<p>Policy Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SAU #7 Policy Committee has been making great strides in reviewing policies and presenting them to the school boards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The committee is currently working on Section J policies which pertain to students 	
8.	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
9.	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colebrook Academy renovations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The committee that was formed to assess possible uses for the Academy building if students move to the elementary school presented nine (9) options. • 2018 Legislative Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This summary will be reviewed with all Administrators ○ The following bills were reviewed with the board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HB 1744 – Parent Exemption ▪ HB 1496 – Accountability System for an Adequate Education ▪ HB 1612 – Data Security in Schools ▪ SB 247 – Lead testing in Schools 	

10.	Meeting Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecticut River Collaborative Meeting: October 4, 2018 at SCS • Columbia School Board Meeting: November 7, 2018, at 4:30 • SAU #7 Fall Meeting: November 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Clarksville <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dinner will be available 	
11.	<u>S. Campbell / C. Lariviere:</u> Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.	Vote: Unanimous
Respectfully Submitted, Cheryl Covill, Business Administrator		