

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT MINUTES FOR AUGUST 16, 2017

GOSLING MEADOWS RECREATION CENTER

PORTSMOUTH, NH

DATE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017

TIME: 4:00 PM

- I. **ATTENDANCE- Board Members:** Chair Leslie Stevens, Jeff Landry, Gary Epler, Kristin Jeffrey, Ann Walker, Nancy Clayburgh, Roseanne Vozella Clark

Teacher Representative: Kimberly McGlinchey

Administration: Superintendent Stephen Zdravec, Assistant Superintendent George Shea, PHS Principal Mary Lyons, PHS Assistant Principals Andrew Korman & Shawn Donovan, CTE Director Diane Canada, PMS Principal Phil Davis, PMS Assistant Principal Tim Hodgdon, RJLA Principal Nancy Roy, LH Principal Charlie Grossman, LH Teacher Stacey Weeks, DO Principal Kate Callahan, NF Principal Joanne Simons

II. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Board members, administrators, and community members participated in small group table conversations. A spokesperson was chosen by the group to take notes and reported to the larger group based on the discussion guidelines equitable access to all school department programs.

III. **GOALS UPDATE**

Board members were provided an update on 2016-2017 Board goals, with discussion focused on current data related to opportunity and achievement gaps.

- IV. **ACTION PLANNING-** Specific action steps were discussed and detailed to achieve short-term and long-term gains in closing gaps of opportunity and achievement. This discussion included an analysis of current strengths of strategies in place in the Portsmouth Schools and ways to expand them. There was also a discussion of emerging opportunities and new action steps for 2017-2018, with a plan to monitor progress.