

RPC – RSU # 18 Meeting Notes
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SeDoMoCha

Present:

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The meeting started at 6:35 p.m. Sue Mackey Andrews reviewed the status of RPC. She discussed the probability that another district may be returning to the RSU and the need to welcome the district(s) and adjust plans accordingly. The following discussion reflected a desire to work with other units within the county either as an RSU or smaller RSU functioning cooperatively. An example given was the maintenance of the adult education cooperative currently encompassing MSADs 4, 41, and 68.

Norm Higgins' response to the questions about the powers and responsibilities of the RSU and local boards are instrumental to the development of the RSU. The issue of local control of local schools is an issue that may be important in order to get some smaller towns approval for the RSU. The issues about Foxcroft Academy as a private school with higher tuitions were discussed. The need to include FA in the work and move forward with a more transparent process with all parties in the merger of several districts is essential.

The possibility of holding a meeting with Foxcroft Academy to discuss the possibilities and barriers to more fully integrate them in the RSU. Part of the discussion dealt with how school choice might work with MSAD 68 and the RSU. May the school district extend the contract with FA for a year or two? Will they have the power? Consensus was reached that a meeting needs to be held with FA before the Christmas break with the leadership team of the RPC. Jack Clukey suggested that the meeting include a bulleted agenda with concerns. How will the planned process be articulated to facilitate the development of the RSU? We need to begin the conversation about the needs of students then proceed to governance and finances. The vision is to provide a community-based education system with a broad-base to meet the needs of the students. Mayo Hospital would be an appropriate place for the meeting. Several members of the board trustees will be invited

to attend. The meeting will be a posted, public meeting, and others may attend.

The Leadership Committee proceeded to fill-in the checklist.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Janes