DEPOSIT-HANCOCK SHARED SERVICES INITIATIVE

COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES
April 10, 2018
7:00PM in the Deposit CS Professional Development Room

Present: (Attached)

Meeting:

Facilitator, Gray Stevens, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and followed with introductions. Minutes from the March 30, 2017 meeting accepted. The meeting followed the agenda.

1. Summery of Positive Effects of Shared Services Initiative:

A. Gray Stevens and the superintendents reviewed areas where sharing has occurred and described the positive effects of each of those shares. The shared areas reviewed were athletics, transportation, professional development and the shared teacher for Home & Careers.

B. Financially, Deposit and Hancock have realized a total annual savings of approximately $60,000 a year due to the sharing efforts.

C. A major area to celebrate success is athletics. All sports with exception of Softball and Bowling are now combined under the new team name of the "Eagles". Teams are competitive and successful, with student athletes from both schools genuinely supportive of each other.

2. Time to Retire the Bell: Discussion revolved around the usefulness of both teams competing for the "Bell". Since teams are now combined, does it make sense to retire the "Bell"? The consensus is that the "Bell" should be retired. The idea was floated and accepted that the two schools should find a replica "Bell" so that a "Bell" could then be mounted in each school as a sign of unity. Mr. Dougherty volunteered to spearhead an effort to locate and acquire a second "Bell". Once there are two "Bells" a ceremony of unity could occur in each school. The feeling was expressed that parents of student athletes are strongly positive and supportive of the sports mergers and that a ceremony of unity would be seen as a very positive step.

3. Potential Special Education Share: Due to a fluctuation in numbers of students requiring specific types of classroom configurations, there may be an opportunity to engage in classified students sharing specific classrooms between schools. After discussion and review of enrollment charts, the Committee agreed that the administration and special education staff at both schools should study the practicality of such a share.

4. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

*Update on the effort to align the bell schedules of Deposit and Hancock.

*Have conversations occurred between Perry Dewey (DCMO District Supt) and Al Buyck (B-T BOCES District Supt) regarding efforts to increase sharing between the two BOCES. Gray will contact each of the two District Superintendents to inquire about progress.

*Is it time to review and study Facilities/Maintenance management? Discussion.
* Should there be a Public Celebration of Successful Shares? Discussion.

Adjournment occurred at 7:50 PM.