

School Consolidation Sub Committee Meeting

Monday, November 8, 2010 5:30 PM

PPMS Library, 1 Route 164, Preston, CT 06365

I. Call to Order	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
II. Pledge of Allegiance	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
III. Approval of Minutes	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
IV. Public Comment	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
V. New Business: Discussion	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
VI. New Business: Votes Required	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
VII. Old Business: Discussion	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
VIII. Old Business: Votes Required	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
IX. Date and Time of Next Meeting	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz
X. Adjournment	Speaker (s) : James Jancewicz

School Consolidation Sub Committee Meeting

October 18, 2010 05:30PM

PVMS Library

1. Call to Order

James Jancewicz called the meeting to order at 5:40PM. Deborah Burke Grabarek was also present. Dan Harris was absent. Also present: Bill Legler and Larissa Klymenko, Dr. Welch; Superintendent, Gloria Homiski; Recording Secretary, Ivy Davis; Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education, Ray Bernier; Principal PPMS, Dr. Walsh; Principal PVMS, Robert Congdon; First Selectman and David Rosko from ModSpace.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved, to approve the minutes of the School Consolidation Sub Committee Meeting of September 13, 2010. Burke-Grabarek/Jancewicz. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

4. Public Comment

None

5. New Business: Discussion

Enrollment: Dr. Welch reviewed the latest enrollment report (Oct 2010) from Dr. Prowda. Enrollment continues to decline.

Administration: Currently there is one Superintendent, one Business Manager, two principals, one Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education. If the consolidation goes through, one principal would be needed. The number of teachers and instructional aides would be directly related to the number of students enrolled and students' needs. There would be a financial savings in the area of transportation, and possibly in food services and custodial staffing. Mr. Legler requested a list of ALL current employees and their salaries.

Lockers: After meeting with the Fire Chief, it was determined that the halls at PVMS are too narrow to install lockers. Students could keep one set of books at home and one set at PVMS. We would need to install lockers for PE/Sports. Perhaps they could be incorporated in the modulars or near the restrooms across from the gym.

Modular Units: Dr. Welch introduced David Rosko from ModSpace. David explained that ModSpace does work all over the country. They provide everything from simple storage containers and construction trailers to high end portable classrooms and healthcare facilities. The cost per square foot runs between \$90 and \$120. For a two story unit, the cost might go up to about \$150 per square foot. Site work is completed on site while the actual building is built in a factory off-site. Right now, the state reimbursement for Preston Public Schools is 60.13% for portables.

Rental of PPMS by LEARN: Learn is interested in renting at least part of the building for vocational training for all members in the RESC. Gail Donowitz from LEARN will be invited to the next School Consolidation Sub Committee Meeting on November 8th at 5:30PM.

If the Town has an interest in moving to PPMS they would be given that option prior to signing an agreement with LEARN. If LEARN is not in the building, it is definitely large enough to house Central Office, all Town Hall personnel (perhaps including the Town Library) and PreK. Bob Congdon suggested that it might be better to sell the building outright.

Larissa Klymenko asked if there is any data on the effect of school consolidation on the children. It was noted that five of the feeder districts to NFA are housed under one K-8 roof. No problems.

6. New Business: Votes Required

7. Old Business: Discussion

8. Old Business: Votes Required

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

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10. Adjournment

Moved, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58PM. Jancewicz/Burke-Grabarek. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

Preston Veterans' Memorial School

First Floor
12 Academic Classrooms

<u>Rm #</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>2011-2012 K-8 Enr (408)</u>
1	ABA	
2	ABA	
3	K	14
4	K	14
5	K	14
6	1	15
7	1	16
8	2	20
9	2	21
10	3	18
18	3	19
19	3	19

First Floor Modular
6 Academic Classrooms

A	Music
B	Art
C	Spanish (K-5)
D	Spanish (6-8)
E	Instrumental Music
F	Pre-School

7 Specialist Rooms

11
12
13
14
15
16
17

Second Floor
14 Academic Classrooms

<u>Rm#</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Enr</u>
20	4	18
21	4	19
22	4	19
23	5	22
24	5	22
27	6	16
28	6	16
29	6	17
30		
31		
36		
37	7/8	138
38		
39		
40	Staff	
43	Computer Lab	
N/A	Library/Media	

7 Specialist Rooms

Rm#
25
26
32
33
34
35
41

Between the first and second floors, there is an adequate number of specialist rooms to accommodate special education (teachers, psychologists, speech therapists, occupational and physical therapists) as well as Title I and literacy services.

