

THINK TANK COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 7, 2010

Prescott Building – Groton

Attendees: Dennis Blair, Berta Erickson, Jim Frey, Dr. Alan Genovese, Gary Hoglund, Lorrie Morgan, Jay Prager, Barbara St. Jean, Janet Sheffield, & Kevin Welch

Meeting called to order @ 7:05pm

Jay – Met with Debbie to discuss what she knows about virtualization; there is high school in NH on-line.

Looking into and meeting with Shelly

Berta & Jay going to visit Sandville (?), Hudson & Nashoba Tech

Discussed AP classes and use

Alan – instead of Sr. Project – do virtual on-line course and meet HS requirements

Has experience with virtual classrooms in prior system

Hybrid courses – several times students meet and interact

Suggest to speak with community colleges & dual enrollment colleges; already set up at colleges

Maybe alternative access for virtual classroom; have students taking on-line courses; **Jay** can speak with Jim Oloughlin (not sure about spelling); guidance @ HS

Gary – for purpose of guests attending, general overview of Think Tank mission; specifically endowments (mimic Groton Library).

Lorrie – works at Groton Community (has endowment); created Learning Express in Acton (1st to do it) proceeds started endowment

Sits on GDEF committee; private schools start upfront with student, explain how they are tied to school perhaps set up Alumni Association

Janet – Making people feel connected

GDEF perhaps separate endowment committee; **Janet** and **Lorrie** will take back info to the GDEF committee and bring response to Think Tank

Alan – use class officers (meet with) they contact/have link to who is who in class; class officers are responsible for staying in touch with alumni.

Use GDEF and school committee structure

Jay mentioned from speaking with Val (town accountant – Groton) that no town or school money can touch endowment

Lorrie – recommends set up committee for endowment; funds go to school committee
To off set operation budget

Come up with an endowment committee

Can house endowment fund under GDEF (will have to go back to committee/officers to discuss)

Janet – All the Ed foundations are funding enhancements to education not operating expenses.

Jay – must bring Owen Shuman into discuss: Endowment by-laws, structure, how works and on another matter; coordinating town and school libraries

Kevin/Gary started discussion on Swallow Union window replacements/weather stripping – state with cash and CPA paying for historic portion; applied for State grant to replace boiler; re-do HVA system (at HS) – David Mitchell is looking at set points; please refer to email sent Nov 30th for further details.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 4, 2010 @ 7:00p location: Prescott Building in Groton