

MEMORANDUM

TO: School Renewal Commission

FROM: Kathy A. van Hook, Montana Consensus Council, 444-4457

SUBJECT: Draft Summary of August 18, 2003 Meeting and next steps

DATE: August 21, 2003

PARTICIPANTS

Members Present: Keith Allen, Carter Christiansen, Lorri Coulter, Cathy Day, Erik Engellant, Erik Burke, John Fitzpatrick, Steve Gibson, Steve Johnson, Rep. Carol Juneau, Sen. Bob Keenan, Ron Laferriere, Tim Lund, John McNeil, Carmen McSpadden, Bruce Messinger, Kirk Miller, Rep. Doug Mood, Robert Murray, Mike Nicosia, Lt. Gov. Karl Ohs, Madalyn Quinlan, Rep. Holly Raser, Darrell Rud, Sen. Don Ryan, Scott Seilstad, Jule Waber.

Staff: Suzan Hopkins

Facilitator: Kathy van Hook

INTRODUCTIONS & AGENDA REVIEW

Commission members introduced themselves and answered the following questions:

What is your relationship to the School Renewal Commission?

What do you hope to accomplish?

How do you feel about being here?

GROUND RULES & WORK PLAN

Most of the meeting was spent reviewing and revising the August 13, 2003 Draft Ground Rules and Work Plan. The revised Draft was adopted by consensus and is attached.

A single text document will reflect consensus agreements on issues and options discussed by the Commission and will become part of a final report of its findings and recommendations to the education and local government interim committee by September 14, 2004.

MEETINGS & MEETING SUMMARIES

Meetings will be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be held in Helena, at least through the end of the year.

Draft meeting summaries will be distributed to all Commission members and alternates by e-mail and they will have seventy-two (72) hours to review and suggest changes. If there is disagreement on a draft meeting summary, the Core Group will confer and decide upon the final version. Final meeting summaries will be available on the Commission website.

NEXT STEPS

Draft Agenda for September 8 meeting:

- I. Two one-hour overview presentations on the following topics:
 - b) the structure of school district governance;
 - c) the methods of funding public education.

Staff from the Office of Public Instruction, Board of Public Education, Montana School Boards Association, and Montana Rural Schools Association were suggested to present information on the current structure of school district governance.

Regarding methods of funding public education, Bob Runkel, Steve Johnson, Madalyn Quinlan, Jim Standard, and Amy Carlson were suggested as resource people to present an overview that will describe the current situation on these subjects.

- II. Discussion of concerns, problems identified from overview.
- III. Identify key questions for Commission to address in considering school renewal.
 - Further data needs – from where, by whom, by when

Contact Kathy van Hook, 444-4457 or kavanhook@state.mt.us with corrections or changes in the draft meeting summary.

EVALUATION

The public comment period will be earlier on the agenda.

Commission members will receive materials at least a week in advance.

The Commission member list will be included with the meeting summary.