

Berlin Dummer Milan Joint School Board Meeting

5:30p.m.

June 20, 2007

Berlin High School Library

Present: School Board Members - Berlin: Mitch Couture, Nathan Morin and Nicole Plourde
Dummer School Board Member – Jennifer Miller

Milan School Board Members - Kevin Evans, Sandy Pouliot, and Patricia Shute

Administration: Pauline Plourde, SAU#20 Business Administrator; John Moulis SAU #3

Superintendent and Marion Huntley SAU #3 Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Gary Bisson,
Principal, Dan Record, Assistant Principal and other administration

Public: Members of the Press

1. **Call to Order:** Mitch Couture called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.
2. **Discussion and Questions:** The Boards were presented with written answers to their questions that were submitted prior to the meeting for both the Jr. High and High Schools. The written questions were as follows:
 1. What are some of the successes both for the Jr. High and High School?
 2. How does the Jr. High color groups work and how are kids assigned to those groups?
 3. How can we collaboratively work together to better prepare and transition our students to Grade 7?
 4. What budgetary obstacles are you facing? How will this affect the different schools and what are the plans to deal with them?
 5. What are your future long-term plans educationally for students?
 6. What are your average class sizes along with teacher/student ratios?

Discussion:

- The Milan and Dummer Board reps would like to see PBIS in place at the Jr. High level as it would be a nice transition from the Milan Village School that has the program in place. Berlin incorporates the program at the High School level.
- The AREA between Berlin and Milan has now been approved by the City Council about two weeks ago. John Moulis will see that a signed copy is forwarded to the SAU office. It is reported that relations and workings with the Berlin City Council has improved over prior years.
- Berlin's projected budget for next year has improved and is better than was anticipated. Final programs are still being worked on.
- Although grouping/teaming was answered to question # 2 above, further discussion took place Berlin noting that placement is random.
- When questioned on average class size it was stated that the numbers are "comfortable" though a tough question to answer but somewhere between 11 and 28. Core classes average 25.
- Questioned if Berlin would be willing to enter into a Tuition Agreement with Dummer in lieu of its current AREA agreement. Mr. Moulis indicated that he is presently researching

various tuition agreements throughout the State and has to develop one that would be beneficial to both Districts. He anticipates that an agreement should be forthcoming within 2 to 3 months. More discussion ensued regarding the logistics of a Tuition Agreement and its implications.

- Berlin offered that they love their arrangement with Milan and Dummer and see the students as their own ~ “One Educational Community”.
- College placement for last year’s graduation class was a combined 89% for both 2 and 4 year colleges. The numbers are not quite ready for this year’s graduating class.
- Berlin has started their 10-year Accreditation process by beginning their self evaluation. They will be due in 2010 and have held the status since 1932.
- Berlin suggested that the next joint meeting be held in Milan.

3. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Pauline Plourde