

**Act 46 Working Group  
October 26th, 2017 Meeting  
Cabot School Library  
Minutes**

***In attendance:*** Karen Larsen, Billie O'Connor, Roz Daniels, Susie Socks, Jenn Boucher, Chris Tormey, Koschei Searles

***Karen Larsen*** called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

***Public Comment: None***

***Draft Minutes from the 10/17 Meeting were approved without amendment.***

***Discussion:*** Review of progress on research assignments for AGS application:

- a. Karen reported on the feedback she's received on the 5-question survey that's been sent out to Cabot graduates of the last ten years: lots of testimonials about the value of the Cabot School as well as quantitative data about high enrollment and graduation rates in colleges and tech. programs. Karen will continue to compile these.
- b. Susie reviewed the data that's she has gradually collected and organized on Cabot town demographics, and on Cabot students' test scores/college matriculation rate.
- c. Jen reviewed the information that she has gathered about Cabot's non-traditional learning opportunities from both parents and teachers.
- d. Chris shared a recent (2016-17) Cabot School Program of Studies document and a similar document from 2009-10. Group discussed need to update with current 17-18 changes.
- e. Karen discussed conversations she has had concerning extracurricular involvement at larger schools; research indicates that students from 'sending schools' participate at lower rates than those from 'hosting' schools. Transportation, family responsibilities and poverty are compounding factors. Billie and Koschei discussed the value of identifying the participation rates at Cabot in sports, band, etc. and agreed to research their understanding that extra-curricular participation approaches 100%.
- f. Roz reviewed the information she compiled on programs offered at the three career/technical education centers that Cabot students might access, depending on the supervisory union Cabot eventually joins.

- g. The Working Group noted that including a note in the AGS on the historical continuity of Cabot School as a centering institution for the community would be helpful. Cabot High School will pass its 'century' birthday this year.
- h. Karen gave a brief update on the progress of the Advantage Cabot concept development.
- i. Chris briefly reviewed the remaining timeline and benchmarks for full AGS submission on December 26<sup>th</sup>.

***Action steps:***

- a. Members agreed to meet next with the full Cabot School Board at the Board's November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, to present their research and to discuss ways the group might continue to be of help to the school board
- b. Members also agreed to have as much research as possible to Chris by November 3<sup>rd</sup> to inform Board discussions on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

***The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.***

***Respectfully submitted, Chris Tormey***