

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL BOARD
FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
I2 COMMITTEE (INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT)
OCTOBER 21, 2015 / MEETING MINUTES
7PM**

Meeting started at 7pm

Attendance: Chad Carey, School Board Member; Michael Hoyt, Principal of PSS; Kevin Barbour, Principal of FMS; *Richard Towne, Principal of FHS; *Dan LeGallo, Superintendent; *Scott Burns, Chair and School Board Member; *Robin Gagarno, School Board Member; and *Tamara Feener, School Board Member and Andrea McFall did not attend.

- **Innovation:** Planning session for the November 14th Fundraiser at the Elks to help fund the NH Art Car – Spaghetti Dinner...Ken Merrifield and his band the Knight Riders to perform and Mr. Barbour suggested we order the food through Brenda (Food Service); she is able to get the food at cost, and reimburse her (20lb box of pasta, hamburger, sauce, napkins, paper plates, utensils, salad). Scott reported the Elk's is available November 14. There are cost associated with this fundraiser -approximately \$200 for the food and supplies, \$125.00 for use of the kitchen, room is free, and if we integrate the bar \$150.00. Meal price \$15.00 – Chad will have a popcorn machine for the event. Scott to let the committee know when he has tied up the loose ends. Marketing, Advertising and Selling Tickets for the event needs to be done soon; the turn-around time is quick. More contacts were given to Scott for sponsorship of the NH Art Car i.e. NH Art Educators Association, Merrimack Premium Outlet would like to work with us to have the car at their property in spring 2016, and to contact the Marketing Person at the beginning of the year and she will call corporate about this possibility. EVERSOURCE said NO to being a sponsor.
- **Improvement:** Dan LeGallo asked the principals to this meeting to help brainstorm on problems effecting dropout rates and how to help lower the rates. Perhaps to have at a Board Meeting to take a look at a comprehensive plan, we are receiving students from other districts that are not prepared for our standards/curriculum, checking out proof of residency is being done, situations from family issues, social problems, alternative learning plans, keep the alternative program at St. Mary's, Odell Program FMS, ELO, VLACS (is free, more challenging and has rigor) over Plato (easy and cost \$26,000.00), Charter School/Magnet School, re-think our budget, short term and long term goals. We have project aware, Grade Teams to help Students and Identify for Intervention, Attendance Program/Truancy Officer is helpful, have upper classmates help tutor students, **restore ELO, Increase/Rethink community hours – right now they earn 40 hours for graduation and doing Class Projects for earning hours, Mentors and contact the Committee within Franklin for a Lifetime, CTE (Career Tech Education), JR ROTC, 21 ½ Credits 2019 (if raising the credits – money/resources will need to be associated) Benchmark Goal 1% a year lowering the rate.

Meeting ended – 9pm / Tamara Feener prepared the minutes

*Members of the Committee

**Important item to help lower dropout rate for Franklin Students