

Hague School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting
Thursday, 20 February 2025, 10:00 AM
Town of Hague Community Center and Zoom

Present: Jack Bast, Josh Patchett and Beth Barton-Navitsky in person; Peter Carney, Linda Fusco, Mike Galow, Sally Thurston, John Zamrok and Sandy Smith on Zoom

Absent: Kathe Allen, Walt Lender

Meeting opened at 10:01 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Approved Minutes of 02/06/2025 SAC Meeting

Meeting Notes

1. 13 March Town Hall Meeting:

- PILOT White Paper; Peter has done an outstanding job of putting the PILOT White Paper together with comments from the Committee. When presenting, the SAC wants to come across as positive, Informative, not accusation, and more emphasis on academics than taxes. Mike said that the School Board's Mission should be to advance student achievements which we should press to find out how the Ti School Board plans to accomplish this. What is their plan? Mike also asked how this present agreement/merging came about. Peter told how the merger happened in 1979, and Sally confirmed it was legal. John mentioned that there really needs to be a change in the legislation about merging as we are going around the issue.
- Academic White Paper; Mike will put together the Academic White Paper and present at the meeting. Peter, Linda and Beth will assist if needed.
- PowerPoint Presentation; Jack and Josh will work on the PowerPoint Presentation.
- Publicity, Advertising Marketing; We will advertise in local papers, use local web sites, inform Kiwanis and send group emails to get the information out about the meeting. Josh did talk to Shaundra Yaw from The Sun, and she said she will be there to cover the story.
- Logistics and Refreshments; Beth will get refreshments and set them up.

2. Parent Survey:

- No surveys have been returned to date.
- 34 Students in Hague go to Ticonderoga, 6 students live on W. Hague Rd. which is actually in Ticonderoga, so they pay Ti's School Tax.
- A reminder notice to return the surveys will be put on the Hague website.

3. **Dr. Catania Meeting:** Linda will keep Dr. Catania in the loop and will invite him to the 03/13 Town Hall meeting.
4. **BoE meeting, Tuesday, 02/25/2025 at 6:00 PM:** Jack and Josh will attend.
5. **Next Steps:**
 - John will reach out to The Mirror, Post Star, Chronicle and The Sun to invite them to the 03/13 meeting and to give them some information about the meeting.
 - Linda will reach out to the Silver Bay Property Owners about the meeting.
 - Meeting on 05 March to do a dress rehearsal for the 13 March Town Hall meeting.
 - Mike will work on finalizing the Academic White Paper and share with the Committee.

The next SAC meeting will be held Wednesday, 05 March 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Barton-Navitsky