

April 13 Meeting Minutes

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Members present- Art Alpert, Barbara Mahony, Cheryl Rose, Christina Daigneault, Hugh Guilderson, Kelly Cusson, Vicky Smith, Will Singleton

1. Minutes of March 9 meeting were approved
2. S/EL curriculum in Pittsfield schools: When the schools re-open, Will to arrange meeting with the Supt. and the director of the curriculum. Kelly and Will will discuss baseline data, data collection, and criteria for measuring students' progress.
3. How to publicize opportunities for graduating high school seniors: professional training, employment, SCHOLLY, QuestBridge. Hugh will contact Shirley Edgerton regarding SCHOLLY.
4. Taconic High team names: Raise the issue again when schools re-open. Recommend that students choose the new name. Continue to discuss/design/plan an educational forum about the use of Native American stereotypes.
5. SRO officers in Pittsfield Schools. The school committee canceled the March 18 meeting to discuss this issue. The Education Committee thinks hiring therapists and specially trained intervention counselors is preferable to assigning police officers to the schools and that the quarantine period created in response to COVID-19 will increase the need for counselors and therapists. Police Officers are not trained for that work.
6. Visit to the Eagle Street Academy: Will to arrange a visit when the schools re-open.