

Harvard Public Schools – School Committee Planning Retreat

Sat 26 Sep 2020 | 9a–1p | Fruitlands

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Suzanne Allen, Sharlene Cronin, Shannon Molloy, SusanMary Redinger, Abby Besse, Maureen Babcock, Linda Dwight. Guest: Cheryl Lower, Fulcra Consultancy

Meeting convened at: 9am

- **Opening**
 - Welcome – SusanMary Redinger and Linda Dwight
 - Meeting overview - Cheryl Lower
- **Governance Overview**
 - Overview of governance and leadership
 - Gray areas
 - Using the district’s two focus areas as a “case study”
 - Remote teaching and learning
 - Antiracism

Clarifying roles and expectations

- Chairperson
- General member
- Superintendent
- Subcommittee and liaison (internal and external) roles

Choosing our plan of work for the academic year

- Briefing – Calendar of existing work
 - Budget
 - Forecasting trends
 - Burn down chart periodically throughout year
 - Devens funds
 - How / what to monitor to be high functioning board
 - Contract Negotiations
 - Construction of and move into new school
- DIP- goes into new cycle this year
 - To focus on remote teaching & learning and antiracism
 - Next year to restart DIP and assemble working group to revise mission, goals and vision

Action + Closing: Setting agreements and next steps

- Review operating norms
- Next steps
 - Continued review of operating norms
 - Gray areas between governance and leadership

Adjourn: 1pm