

Act 46 Cabot/Twinfield Study Committee
Monday, January 25, 2016
Twinfield Library

Minutes

Attending: Consultant: Peter Clarke; Representing Cabot School: Lisa Olson, Chris Tormey; Representing Twinfield Union School: Patrick Healy, Jack Hoffman; Administrators: Nancy Thomas, David Schilling, Mark Mooney

Peter started by discussing the realities of capacity for both schools and what options have been and might be considered. Imagine: the Study Committee is the Onion River District School Board and you are planning a budget, given the combined student and staff numbers. (See attached chart). How could you best serve the students with appropriate staff levels? How can facilities be used?

Various options were discussed.

A: Cabot and Twinfield Union Districts become one district and have middle school and high schools at Twinfield.

This option might not feel equitable to Cabot. What are the selling points for each?

B. Each school maintains PK –5 or 6: Middle School campus at Cabot and High School at TUS

Allows for larger peer group for 6 – 12, but requires busing back and forth

C: PK – 12 in new building

D: K – 8 at Twinfield, 9 – 12 at Cabot, PK at each school.

If you make the Cabot campus smaller the renovations will be cheaper

Makes larger peer groups (which could be seen as beneficial for Cabot students at all grades)

Aids in spreading intervention/special ed services

Would keep a school IN Cabot town center – would need new gym. Would have more individual spaces for HS classes

Discussion: Magnet school option: loses all savings, adds transportation and would continue financial pressures. The only way for savings is to put kids and teachers together.

Savings are in combining the kids. What could we do if we have \$.5 million in staff savings for improvements for kids? More options for kids, more intervention services.

Committee would need to look at what bus ride lengths could/would be – how many buses. What could be a short term and long term vision?

For next time: What would busing look like? Advantages for elementary?
Next meeting February 17 or 18? **Peter available only on February 17.**

Nancy Thomas, Notetaker