

The Education Subcommittee met at the Parks Department Information Center at Ellingwood Park on 21 June at 7 pm.

Present Jim Barnes, Rob Davison, Richard Francis
Absent Becky Cooper, Jason Sewall

1 Richard Francis was elected Chair.

2 Subcommittee goal: To ensure the highest quality education for all children in Bristol (K-12), and develop opportunities for vocational and adult education, for the next decade and beyond.

3 We agreed that the process should work from data to conversation.
We listed possible areas for research and began to formulate survey questions.
Throughout we tried to identify potential sources of information and would like guidance on how, who, and when to approach.

In 2002 the State's guidance in particular is vague and the Town's response is therefore short.

Our initial questions included

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| 1 Student population | State, AOS, Principal |
| 2 Class sizes | State, AOS, Principal |
| 3 'Free Lunches' | Sate, Principal to assess needs for low income students |
| 4 Quality of Education | State, AOS, School Board |
| 5 Test scores as metric | State, AOS, Principal |
| 6 'Quality of Education | |
| 7 Value for money | State, Principal Specifically, the comparative cost per student in AOS school, and beyond. |

We would like to address these questions for both primary and secondary education.

8 Tertiary education: we would like to know (Lincoln Academy, principally) the number of students from Bristol going on to tertiary education, both college and vocational.

9 Vocational Education: we wanted to know where, and in which trades, and if the education was employer supported. Also, whether the apprenticeship included a college component. A list of likely vocational employers should be established, (e.g., Masters Machine, MacPhee Enterprises, etc.).

10 We identified a number of opportunities in Medical and First responder provision.

11 We sought data on Adult Education programs including GED and 'enhancements'

In all these cases we would like to know of grants and other help available.

12 Our general data needs include basic demographics, income, age of residents, occupations. These would be correlated from sources and data for the whole Committee.

Our sources would include State, County, Town and the School Board and Principal. In addition we would welcome questions from taxpayers. We expect to hold more formal interviews and to have conversations.

These questions are our first attempt and we need to add and refine in order to consider how we make data requests.

Survey questions for Education

These are difficult to formulate and will probably be refined when the Committee has proposed a format.

We wanted to know if parents were satisfied with their children's education at all levels, if they could compare our school with others, and if their experience of the school was comparable with any others their children attended. We thought it important that current and former pupils be encouraged to answer these questions.

Future meetings

We agreed that the Parks Department was a suitable venue and would like future meetings to begin at 6 pm. Days would be decided via Doodle. We will use Zoom as necessary.

We also agreed that we would not meet immediately, but may wish to discuss our progress before the next Committee meeting on July13. Please let me know if you cannot attend our meetings in order to ensure a quorum for a particular date.

Next Steps

1 Contribute, by email or phone additional data requests to Richard (roundpond1050@gmail.com)

2 Consider format for requests and sequence of calls for data.