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MARANACOOK AREA SCHOOLS
RSU #38

COMPOSITION AND SELECTION OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING TEAM

The Community Planning Team will serve an important role in supporting the development of the Maranacook Area Schools/RSU #38 Strategic Plan. To promote a thoughtful, inclusive, and community-centered planning process, the team should include broad representation from key stakeholder groups across the district and its communities. Members are expected to commit the necessary time, participate actively, and work collaboratively in support of recommendations that reflect the best interests of Maranacook Area Schools/RSU #38 and the students, families, staff, and community members the district serves.

1. Recommended Profile for Community Planning Team Members

- Representation from the School Board
- Representation from parents and guardians
- Representation from building leadership, such as a principal or vice principal
- Representation from teachers, staff, and union leadership across the elementary, middle, and high school levels [preferably from a level different from the building leadership representative(s)], and district support staff
- Representation from municipal officials, such as members of a Finance Committee or Select Board, local school committees, or town planners/managers
- Representation from community members

2. Selection Considerations

- Consider individuals who have a strong understanding of the district and the communities it serves.
- Consider individuals who are open-minded, collaborative, and genuinely committed to the well-being of RSU #38 and its communities.
- When possible, identify individuals who may represent more than one stakeholder perspective, such as a municipal employee who is also a parent or guardian in the district.
- The recommended working group size is 14 to 18 members.

3. Time Commitment and Participation Expectations

- Attend a minimum of five 90-minute meetings.
    - Attendance at additional Community Focus Group meetings is optional.
- Maintain scheduling flexibility to participate in morning or early afternoon meetings, as needed.
- Participate respectfully and constructively by sharing ideas and engaging with stakeholders in collaborative dialogue.

4. How Participants Will Be Selected

- The consultant has created an online form for those interested in participating in the process to complete: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BQG5DL8
- The form will be used to collect information on prospective participants, including their town of residence and any role(s) they identify with.
- Once the data is collected, members of the Plan-to-Plan team will narrow the pool of prospective participants by various criteria. Preference will be given to respondents who satisfy multiple roles.
- If needed, a lottery will be used to bring the group down to a feasible working number.