

Arlington School District Study Committee
Minutes—October 22, 2017

The Arlington School District Study Committee met on October 22, 2017 from 5:00PM to 6:45PM. Study Committee members present at the meeting were Dr. Joshua Sherman (Chair), Marshall Cross, Elizabeth Berger, Dr. Brian Allen, and Florence Belnap. Also present at the meeting were community members Catie Burke and Shannon Guy.

On a motion made and seconded, the group approved the minutes from the last meeting held on October 10, 2017. It was agreed that Ms. Belnap would send the minutes to Superintendent Bazyk and request that they be posted on the website, so that minutes are available to the public.

The group discussed how Act 77 (Pathways) could be incorporated into the current curriculum with the existing teachers. The group explored broadening the STEAM concept to include a community wide pathways program with varied internships and experiential learning. Students would review various options in the 8th grade, gaining an understanding of course work needed to achieve a particular Pathway. Internships and experiential learning would occur either in summers and/or during the senior year.

The group discussed the need to get the plan into report form to present to the school board. The group agreed that retaining the current governance structure via the BVSU would be the best option for implementing the Pathways concept.

The community members present expressed that they did not want the High School to become a tech center. Study group members explained that this definitely was not the intention and that rigorous academic coursework would remain the driving force in the Pathways program. The community members agreed that community connections would be an advantage to their children.

There being no further business, the group agreed to adjourn.