COMMISSION TO STUDY SCHOOL FUNDING
ENGAGEMENT WORKGROUP
AGENDA 8/17/2020

MEMBERS
UNH Carsey School New Hampshire Listens: Carrie Portrie, Sarah Boege, Michele Holt-Shannon

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Call to order
Welcome everyone. Thank you for joining us today. A few notes before we begin:
• This meeting is being recorded and posted on the Commission website.
• Before we begin, we will take a roll call. If there is anyone else present in the room with you during the meeting, let us know.
• Also please note, there will not be a period of public comment during the meetings. You may visit the website for the Commission hosted by the Carsey School and provide comment using the link provided. Also, visit the Commission website to learn about public engagement opportunities during the study. Further questions can be directed to the Chair.
• We will use the following group agreements throughout the meeting (review agreements)

Group Agreements
• Listen first
• Be open-minded
• It’s okay to disagree, but don’t personalize it. Focus on the idea, not the person. If you disagree, consider asking a question rather than arguing to prove your point.
• Accept working through conflict to its resolution as a catalyst for learning
• It’s okay to put issues like race and class on the table.
• Be purposeful and to the point. Notice if what you are conveying is or is not pertinent to the topic at hand.
• Take risks, be raggedy, make some mistakes – then let go
• We all share responsibility for making the group productive.

Approval of minutes, August 3, 2020

Calendar - https://carsey.unh.edu/school-funding/calendar
• 8/24 Full Commission
• 8/31 Workgroups, Fiscal Policy 10am-12pm, Engagement 1-3pm, Adequacy 3-5pm

Public Commenting Periods (4-5pm)
• 08/12 General Public (note: Manchester Proud has sent testimony for this day)
• 09/16 General Public
• 09/23 Youth Voice
• 09/30 General Public
• 10/7 Youth Voice

Chair’s Comments

Discussion
• Educator survey findings
- Brief update about analysis and reporting schedule
- Granite State Poll question review with UNH Survey Center suggestions
- Student voice (September and October)
- Stakeholder Focus Groups Part II
  - focus groups with 65+ residents
  - taxpayer associations
  - municipal and school leaders reprise (with additional outreach to missing communities)
- Outreach and awareness

Closing remarks

Documents
- Meeting Minutes 8/3
- Granite State Poll question draft
- Engagement Workgroup Tasks and Timing