

1 **Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District (SVRTSD)**
2 **Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, Monday, November 24, 2014, 2:30 PM**
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5 Attending: RGB members – Gloria Alexander, Heidi Pickering and Jessica Gulley-Ward;
6 CDC represented by Superintendent Michael Lawler, (left early to attend another meeting),
7 and Marie Pierre Huguet, Assistant Director for Adult Education
8 Recorder: Sandra Redding
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10 Gloria opened the meeting at 2:30 PM and asked for approval of the October minutes. The
11 committee approved the minutes.
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13 Supt. Lawler reported that he did not meet with the superintendent at Arlington High School
14 due to scheduling difficulties. He will re-schedule appointment. He informed the group that
15 the summer police program is ready and organized for this year. The “New Experience
16 Camp” will take place July 27-31. For the following year, we would be able to partner with
17 them sharing 30 or more students in the 7th-9th grades. We could use our own logo and
18 perhaps, host a career day here at the CDC. We would need to see how many programs
19 would like to be a part of this venture. This is not law enforcement driven; we could use
20 CDC transportation and this would be good PR for our school.
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22 The supt. spoke with the Sustainable Foods instructor concerning a summer program. She
23 spoke with the MAUMS teachers and determined we could partner up with them to create
24 some fine programs. Talks are ongoing.
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26 Distance learning has been a hot topic lately. Bruce Lee-Clark’s Forensics class recently
27 watched a live autopsy. Many possibilities are available for students these days in this area.
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29 CDC goals were next discussed. We must better define the how, where, why, and what in
30 the recruiting area. Program of Studies has not been updated for several years. Does the
31 current information apply to students and programs of today? It has been noticed that we
32 do not reach the adult learning population as effectively as we could, so some work should
33 be done in that area. We may be lacking in what we offer to adults and need to identify
34 groups that need attention.
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36 It was announced that the Co-op Program will be re-designed as “Work Based Learning.”
37 It is more about the work place experience, what employers tell us they need and real life
38 experiences. As we re-think the program, how we recruit more students and evaluation of
39 criteria will be in the fore-front. What are the differences in internships, apprenticeships and
40 shadowing? We need to work at defining these areas. A way to determine outcomes and
41 criteria should be developed. De-briefing after the work experiences might be a valuable
42 tool. Integrating soft skills should be included in every program.
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44 The committee would like to learn what the state is requiring from teachers for professional
45 development. Sandy will provide some info on that.
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47 Marie Pierre will check out 21st Century guidelines.
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49 We need to know how each student learns. Jessica could contact other schools to extract
50 data before tasking, although we do not want to get flooded with too many thoughts in the
51 process. The committee inquired if there were goals and strategies set from the past. The

1 2007 and 2012 NEASC reports hold a great deal of information in this area. We will provide
2 what info we can to the committee on this subject.

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4 Next meeting will be Thursday, January 8, 2015, 2:30 PM.

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6 Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

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