

Better Together for Public Education
Exploring School District Unification in Marin
Meeting Minutes- DRAFT
September 13, 2021

I. Call to order

Sloan Bailey called to order the regular meeting of the Better Together Coalition at 12:00 on September 13, 2021 on Zoom.

II. Roll call

The following members were present: Sloane Bailey, Laura Anderson, Catherine Way, Ruth Dell, and Chuck Ford. A quorum was not met so no positions requiring a vote were taken.

III. Minutes from August 16, 2021 meeting not approved (lack of quorum)

IV. Open issues

A. Report on website updating and talking points: Shelley and Valorie

- Discussion postponed until next meeting.
- Need 100% commitment to the language of the website and discussion points.
- All members need to weigh in on the messaging.

B. Upcoming Events and Presentations: Postponed further discussion until next meeting and after discussion of website and talking points.

- EE Chairs Meeting – Sheri & Laura- September 22
- TUHSD & Feeder School Board meetings - assign and include PTA/Foundation outreach
- Marin County Board meeting
- EE Meeting of full board - Sheri & Laura - December 8
- League of Women Voters - Sheri & Shelley - October 14

C. Recruit Better Together Coalition members from Mill Valley, Sausalito/Marin City, Kentfield, Ross

- Person should be a recognized past or current public servant.
- We should consider current school board members.
- Laura will make a spreadsheet of current and past board memberships.

V. New Business

A. Plan for discussion with Mary Jane Burke (Marin County Superintendent of Schools) at September 27 meeting.

GOAL: To get the Superintendent's perspective on the Better Together Coalition

- What is her perspective on initiating and funding a professional study of school district consolidation?
- What information could be gained from a formal study which might guide this process?
- What are her thoughts about reengaging the Efficiency and Effectiveness Task Force to examine consolidation? (a)
- Does she have other ideas of how we can improve public education in Marin?
- Consolidation has been discussed for years. When will the time be right?

VI. Adjournment

Sloan Bailey adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm. Next meeting September 27, 2021.

Minutes submitted by: Catherine Way

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