

District Realignment Meeting, 3/4/21

Minutes

Attendees: Barrett Mohrmann, Chris Sherman, Dale Simpson, Ryan Thompson, Lisa Murray, Carla Mings, Ken Heintz, Roger Hottinger, Deanna Biros, Lois Griffin, Jeff Gill, Ron Lime, Chip Herr, Kayleigh Buck, James Dockter

- Chris Sherman opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.
- Chris Sherman led the Pledge of Allegiance, the Scout Oath, and the Scout Law.
- “The progress we’re making toward the board presentation packet with the 4G scenario with mapping. Ron, any update from you. Anything you want to share at this point?”
- “I should get to it next week for sure.”
- “One of the things we want to touch on and make sure we’re supporting what Kayleigh and Deanna will soon be working on is the metrics. There was some email exchange earlier in the week about the date we’ll use for the membership data. We decided on 2020 year-end. The membership, both the youth and the adult, we’ll pull from year-end and use that. Ron or Lois, any concerns with getting access to that?”
- “I can only run a current report.”
- “We need RT to provide year-end membership numbers. Then, school district numbers and total available youth, we’ll use the schools districts’ data for that. Lois, between you and David, you have those numbers?”
- “I have the enrollment by school districts. What’ll I need to update is the school district listings.”
- “There was some prepping I was doing for the board meeting and RT sent me a couple pieces of data. I’m not sure the source of it, but we need to vet and make sure it’s current. The finance numbers stay the same. And, volunteer numbers are good. Any other metrics that we need to make sure we have that we haven’t hit on? Okay, we’ll try to get all of that in spreadsheet for to Deanna and Kayleigh in the next couple of days. Kayleigh and Deanna, anything you need that we haven’t adequately addressed?”
- “Let’s just gather everything we have so we can get started.”
- “That’s the board packet presentation. The goal will be to have a draft of the board packet to look at next week. With that, we will want to have available two other documents. The board won’t approve these but they need to be in the packet. That second document is the operations and responsibilities that I think everyone should be working on. I know we have drafts from training, finance, commissioner service is getting close. The third document is the transition plan, but let’s stay on roles and responsibilities at the moment...how about on activities, civic service, how’s that going?”
- “I have about 75 percent of it done. You’ll have it by Saturday night.”
- “That leaves marketing and communications.”

- “I haven’t started on that. My thought was to include some effective tips. It’ on my to-do list.”
- “I think we hit all of the sections in the district ops manual. Any questions or discussion on that this evening? RT, anything from you on the district ops part?”
- “The big piece is going to be the transition stuff. Chip, Chris, and I met last week and had a conceptual conversation. I was reviewing some of that before the meeting started. We’re 75 percent comfortable with the trajectory we’re on. Were confident we’ll have something by the end of the week.”
- “I’ll add to RT’s comment a bit. After the discussion we had last Thursday evening, the intent is to let the existing programming that’s planned, day camps, spring camporees, volunteer recognitions events, but any of those activities that are scheduled between now and July 1 those will continue to be planned and executed in the old districts. They won’t be cancelled or combined. We heard that message and that’s in the plan.”
- “We felt it was really important to give those day camp teams to run a final day camp. I’ve already signed off on one patch today that says the last hurrah. The district executives will be assigned to their new districts April 1. They need to be making connections with activity volunteers. If we start April 1, relationships can start being built so when the implementation happens, they can kick off in grand style.”
- “Any questions or comments about that? We’re going through the agenda real quick.”
- “That’s okay.”
- “Deanna, do you want to provide a quick update on communication. There’s a couple notable things we’ve done.”
- “We updated the Q&A document and put that on the redistricting website. We addressed the size question we had, particularly around the southern district. We also added some information of how we’ll transition to a new district model. We’re waiting to have the map finalized before we add that to the Q&A. We have the Scouting family forum coming up and we’ll be talking about the redistricting there as well.”
- “I think the units’ need and expectations survey, I think that’s been turned off now. We should clean that up and send those results out to the group that we invited to participate. Lois?”
- “I of course turned that into a spreadsheet. I have to do that with data. That’s how my brain work. The numbers were all so close. The trend that I saw was the disconnect between council and district. You saw some of that with the finance stuff. They were done at the bottom of that list. When you look at it, I think the survey really gives us some data on where the disconnect is. Not saying the finance things aren’t important, but maybe how do we message differently so they hear from us about the things that are on the top of their list?”
- “That may be a message we need to deliver to the board. There may be some interesting data there that would be valuable.”
- “One question. Lois, do we have the number of a percentage from the surveys we sent out, how many we received back?”
- “Each question had a count of how many people answered it.”

- “That would be nice to know.”
- “We should get that packaged and send that back out. Is the survey for unit engagement now concluded?”
- “It’s still an active link, but there’s no activity on it. We could pull results and send them out.”
- “Okay, we promoted that in the newsletter. RT, I think you had stepped away earlier in the meeting. We’ll need some help with the membership numbers year-end 2020.”
- “The fastest easiest way for me to get this to you is in a PDF.”
- “I’ll forgive you this time.”
- “That’s all that’s on the agenda this evening. Any concluding comments? Alright, well thank you everyone. Arrowhead, have an awesome celebration. Thanks everyone.
- Chris Sherman ended the meeting at 6:33 p.m.