

**Minutes**  
**Middletown Regionalization Planning Committee**  
**Oliphant Administration Building**  
**September 8, 2010**  
**7:00 PM**

**Present:** Michael Pinto, Liana Fenton, Kellie DiPalma, Shawn Brown, Barbara A. VonVillas, Chris Semonelli

**Absent:** William Flynn

The committee decided that it was time to identify specific benefits and issues regarding regionalization/consolidation as they apply to Middletown. The following list was developed.

**Benefits**

1. Middletown is geographical center of island.
2. Student population leans toward center of island
3. Land is available in Middletown
4. Conceptual plans exist for building a new high school
5. A regional district should have balanced representation.
6. Enhanced academic, extracurricular, athletic opportunities
7. 21<sup>st</sup> century program of academics and skills
8. Consolidation is preferable to tuitioning for cost savings associated with new construction
9. Advantage of cultural diversity
10. Efficiencies/opportunities resulting from critical mass
11. Needs measurable implementation plan
12. Consolidation of support services
13. Marginal enrollment not sufficient to provide a comprehensive program
14. We want to be leaders, not followers.

**Issues**

1. Marketing/politics
2. Contractual issues
3. Identity
4. Embedded town culture
5. Economic diversity
6. Transportation
7. Real/perceived community wealth
8. Diverse management styles
9. Kids could get lost in a larger school

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2010.