

Brief History of the Sandwich Central School 1950-present

The town of Sandwich built Sandwich Central School in 1950. The Sandwich School District operated the elementary school until 1963.

On March 1, 1963, in response to separate votes taken by the Sandwich School District and the Inter-Lakes School District, the State Board of Education ordered that the Sandwich School District be annexed to the Inter-Lakes School District to form the Inter-Lakes Cooperative District. At the Annexation and Organizational meeting of the Inter-Lakes Cooperative School District held on April 1, 1963, the newly reconstituted board assumed jurisdiction over all public schools, grades 1 through 12, in the pre-existing Inter-Lakes Cooperative School District and in the pre-existing Sandwich School District. (Minutes of the Annual Meeting 1962-1963)

A Quitclaim Deed transferred the Sandwich Central School to the Inter-Lakes School District.

In 1965 there was a District Elementary School Study Committee, which recommended the building of the elementary school in Meredith behind the high school and alterations and construction of a new gymnasium at SCS. The school board accepted the recommendation for the construction of the new elementary school. In 1966 the enrollment of SCS, K-6, was 72. (Annual Report of the School District 1965-66)

In 1967 the District voted against the building project, which included the expansion of SCS to build a gymnasium and alter the auditorium. (Annual School Report 1966-67)

In the 1968-69, the District reported the formula for prorating the cost of capital outlay and operation of the District. The formula: "fifty percent (50%) apportioned on the basis of the ration that the equalized valuation of each pre-existing district bears to the Cooperative School District and fifty (50%) apportioned on the average daily membership for the preceding year." The formula for determining the basis for apportionment was to be reviewed every five years. (Pursuant to RSA 195:7-11) (Annual School Report 1968-69)

In 1979 efforts were made to change the assessment formula. In 1978 and in 1979 Sandwich made two attempts to withdraw from the District. These efforts were unsuccessful primarily due to the lack of an alternative school facility to accommodate grades 7-12. (1981 Sandwich Master Plan p.7-40).

In the decade from 1970 -1980 the town of Sandwich increased in population by 34%.

In 1980, the Town of Sandwich drafted a Master Plan, which included a plan for education. As part of this process the planners conducted a Community Survey.

Summary of the results can be found in the Master Plan. At this time there were 61 students at SCS. The capacity of SCS at that time was 100 students. (Master Plan)

The Master plan was updated in 1990. In 1989, prior to the update, Sandwich Central School showed an enrollment of 88 students. The District voted for a district wide building project in 1989. Renovations were made to SCS at this time – the auditorium and cafeteria were completed in 1990. The updated Master Plan tracks enrollment at SCS from 1964 to 2000.

Enrollment at SCS peaked in 1993 at 125 students.

Enrollment previous five years

1998-96

1999-83

2000-82

2001-

2002-

2003-90

Recent Combined Grade configurations

SY 1998-1999

1-2

2-3

SY 1999-2000

2-3

3-4

SY 2000-2001

4-5

5-6

Current tax assessment of the SCS land: \$143,200

Building: \$1,582,100