

Present: Tim Dutton, Rachel Allison, Rachel Smith, Michael Bologna, Jesse Toro, Sandy Lefkowitz, Kit Kaolian, Wendy Phillips, Dee Fuller, Celeste Markle, and Vince Musto.

Absent: Na'taya Riley, John Rodriguez, and Vik Muktavaram.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

- **Public comment (Each guest is allowed 3 minutes)** No Public comment.
- **Approval of minutes from previous (November) meetings:** Meeting minutes were approved.
- **Old Business:** No old business
- **Status report and update on school, school climate, end of year events:**

There were 2 suspensions in March; 1 student for harassment and 1 for passing out pornographic imagery on a device (phone). Suspensions are down; climate is down and peaceful with minor social problems. Juniors have wrapped up SAT's; SPED students will finish testing at the end of April. There will be 4 to 5 10th graders at this point in the year that won't pass same for 9th grade, the seniors and juniors seem to be in good shape.

MS: 1 suspension, one student pushed another; we had March madness. State testing in reading will be held in April and ½ day will be dedicated to testing Breakfast and snack will be given to all middle schoolers that will be testing. If this ½ testing works well then all testing will be done on a series of ½ days. Letters will be handed out at conferences for those students in danger of failing. No students are staying back so far at this point in the year. Guided reading progress is going really well, all middle school students have gone up.

March corrective plans have been sent out. Book buddies won Youth Volunteers of the year Award; all students that participated were invited to a dinner after the award ceremony. There will be a brunch at Housatonic for 8th grade promotion. Summer school is the same day as the 8th grade promotion ceremony; those students will be excused from the first day of summer school, which is on the same day.

Applications are being sent out; we currently have 30 7th grade applications. We have been informed of a possible increase in next year's budget.

- **Personnel (Dutton), early retirement negotiation, part time SPED, new hires:**

The Art teacher has resigned upon hearing that her contract most likely will not be renewed. Classroom management is in part a main issue; her last day will be May 11th. Gym will replace this subject; we are currently advertising for a gym instructor. Middle school English teacher will be replaced as well, he will be moving to a new program. We have currently lined up about 10-15 interviews for the open position for a middle school History teacher. The current middle school history teacher will be promoted to the High school where he will be the new Dean of students. His duties will revolve around student discipline. He will be receiving coaching over the next year with hopes to transition to the role of principle.

- **Special Education Memorandum of Understanding and building dispute:** We have collected on the 2 bills last month; 50k in total.
- **Renewal application and visit, Corrective Action Plan submitted and approved:** The corrective plan was sent in early April.

8. Financial report, Budget for next year (for now same as this year) Current 2 month financial report: There is a 5K yearend projection. The credit line has not been used this year to aid with any budget issues. With creation of next year's budget we will have to include the new Dean of Students position. In the new year there will be an increase in Medical contribution from the current 15% contribution to 20%. If scheduling works correctly with the change in gym an additional guided reading program will be added to 9th grade for 15-20 students.

9. Building issues (Dutton) Approval of contractor for office renovation, asbestos removal:

There are minor leaks that will be taken care of this week. So far 4 have been fixed and all are covered by warranty. In the last 2 years we have cut out about 20k-30k in maintenance expenses. An increase in maintenance is to be expected this upcoming summer. All minor building issues will be held off on until summer.

10. Governing Council: The next community meeting will be held this upcoming Monday May 7th, the topic will be crossing sexual boundaries, with more definition of boundaries, in physical contact and social media. It was discussed to get a better and more in depth discussion on this topic it would be broken down into 2 meeting sessions; one for boys and one for girls. Next year this will be part of the curriculum in Health. Monday after Easter was off (Bridgeport closed very last minute), this day was reflected on Spring break, and this was mirroring Bridgeport. Next year's calendar was approved by governing council. April vacation: calendar has to match Fairfield County Regional calendar; Spring break will match. Motion was made to approved calendar and grated

11. Executive session: No executive session.

12. Other New Business: Board gifts will be collected until graduation which will be held at University of Bridgeport at 6 p.m. on June 20th.

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm

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| Kristina Montalvo | Terms will be updated on minutes | 4/16/2018 |
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