

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

**Absent:** Rachel Smith, Na'taya Riley, and Vik Muktavaram.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

- **Public comment (Each guest is allowed 3 minutes)** No Public comment.
- **Approval of minutes from previous (November) meetings:** Meeting minutes were approved. There was one abstention by Sandy.
- **Old Business:** School disciplinary problem.
- **Status report and update on school, school climate, end of year events:**  
High School: There has been one suspension in the last week revolving a domestic violence issue between a high school couple. In the high school there have been rumors of a student bringing a gun into the building, this may be tied to a student getting into a fight off of school grounds.  
Middle School: Since the last meeting there has been ISS reported in the middle school along with one OSS that involved one of the same students from the documented ISS. There also have been minor busing issues. The overall climate of the building has been up and down in the upcoming week we will be sending different groups of grades to the movies to get some of the students out of the building to cut some of the tension from grades and the upcoming vacation. The middle school has also organized activity days to keep climate upbeat and positive. We have lost 3 students bringing the enrollment total down.
- **Personnel (Dutton), early retirement negotiation, part time SPED, new hires:**  
History teacher will be on leave, English teacher was 2 points short on praxis; Long term sub was approved. Pat Michaels will not be reviewing us this year, Arlene Gossman will be conducting the review this year; the vote was unanimous. New teachers are moving along fine. Six former students are current paraprofessionals. The upcoming student council meeting will be done over breakfast and will include parents and volunteer officers.
- **Special Education Memorandum of Understanding and building dispute:** A quarterly bill (50K) to the City of Bridgeport has been submitted.

7. **Renewal application and visit, Corrective Action Plan submitted and approved:** The State Board meeting will be happening in the next week, it is our hope that our probation will be lifted in April.

8. **Financial report, Budget for next year (for now same as this year) Current 2 month financial report:** Monthly report shows a 12k to 30k surplus. Financially we seem to be on target pending the Special Education bill.

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

We are currently looking for a handyman; have a new possible carpenter. Overall cleaning of the school is going well. Maintenance issues are being kept up with.

10. **Governing Council:** The meeting gave informative tips on and techniques on how to help engage with your student on the reading material that they are currently working on in school. This can range from the complex text in RTI to the books for guided reading.

11. **Executive session:** No executive session.

12. **Other New Business:** No new business

13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm

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| Tim Dutton   | Update on Board terms | 1/17/2017          |

