

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

Absent: Zainab Muhammad, Jacquie Marumoto, Rachel Smith. Vincent Musto, Na'taya Riley, Vik Muktavaram

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

- **Public comment (Each guest is allowed 3 minutes)** No Public comment.
- **Approval of minutes from previous (May) meetings:** April minutes were approved.
- **Old Business:** Following the topic of press from our last meeting; a visit by the same reporter has happened. She has visited the middle school and will be visiting the high school in the next week and has attended one of our governing council meetings. She has also recently written an article on some of our student's community service endeavors.
- **Status report and update on school, school climate, progress report, testing:**

H.S: Since the last meeting there have been no suspensions. The overall climate has been good, students are aware of their standing grades wise and what is needed of them for promotion. Progress reports will be going out in the next month.

M.S: When students come through the office a calmer attitude is being tried. Also, students are asked to work immediately after being sent in; less time wasted.

Testing has come to a close for this school year.

5. **Personnel (Dutton):**

The Science and English positions have been filled and we are currently in the last round of picks for the math teacher replacement.

6. **Special Education Memorandum of Understanding and building dispute (504 bus):**

Bridgeport is still holding onto a bill that was sent out. We are currently going back in forth with a transportation issue with a student that has a short-term medical disability.

7. **Renewal application and visit, Corrective action plans (Dutton):** Currently in the process of submitting a corrective action plan; A letter has been sent to all current parents of students enrolled informing that we are on a one year probation. The corrective action plan contains specific goals and strategies for improving Math and English instruction, as well as goals and strategies to introduce restorative justice practices that reduce the school's number of suspensions.

8. **Financial report, Budget for next year:** A 31,000 deficit has been forecasted for the end of the year. We are expecting more income from SPED which will allow us to almost break even.

9. **Governing Council- Review of April healthy food meeting:**

For this meeting a salad bar was donated by Whole Foods. We also had Gifts that were raffled off at the end of the meeting. Along with the donated food, demonstrations of how to make healthy smoothies and exercises were done. We also had a physical therapist come in to demonstrate stress relieving poses to help posture.

10. **Building issues (Dutton) Approval of contractor for office renovation:** Building committee met and reviewed 3 bids that had been solicited and received for the transformation of the upstairs weight room into more office space. One of the bids was from the same contractors that had redone the science room renovations; This Company has been awarded the bid. Asbestos has been found in some of the walls and will need to be demolished and with the grant that is given for the new construction this demolition of asbestos filled wall is in that new construction budget. We are hoping for all work to be done before the end of August.

11. **Healthy Food Certification:** The Board unanimously approved The Bridge Academy's participation in the State's Healthy Foods program. The Board also unanimously approved two exceptions for evening bake

sales held at report card conferences and open houses. Specifically The Board approved: that the district will follow the CNS for all competitive foods offered for sale to students on school premises at all times from all sources; and the district will allow exemptions for foods that do not meet the CNS, provided the sales comply with the exemption criteria outlined in the State’s Healthy Foods policy.

Food and Community Eligibility provision, budget outlook: The community eligibility provision was approved; the food budget will be much tighter for the upcoming school year. A motion was made and approved to use the current budget as a template for the upcoming school year until August.

12. **Executive session:** No Executive session.

13. **Other New Business:** Pat Michaels will be coming in the June meeting to evaluate Tim and Rachel in an executive session that will also evaluate the Board. Graduation committee will be meeting in the upcoming weeks.

14. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm

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| Sandy Lefkowitz | Review Governing Council Meeting | June 5th |
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