

Present: Tim Dutton, Rachel Allison, Michael Bologna, John Rodriguez, Vik Muktavaram, Kit Kaolian, Wendy Phillips, Vince Musto and Dee Fuller.

Absent: Jesse Toro, Sandy Lefkowitz, Rachel Smith, Na'taya Riley and Celeste Markle

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

- **Public comment (Each guest is allowed 3 minutes)** No Public comment.
- **Approval of minutes from previous (October) meetings:** A motion to approve minutes was made and approved.
- **Old Business:** We are still currently seeking a new board member to replace treasurer duties.
- **Status report and update on school, school climate, end of year events:**
High School: Suspensions went from 1 back in September and October to 11 within the first few weeks of November. About 5 were verbal altercations on promises of physical altercations and the others were actual physical altercations. Despite the sudden uptick, we are still under our last year suspensions for this quarter.

Middle School: There have been 2 ISS' and 1 OSS; 67% of the middle school families came out to attend report card conferences.
 This week's climate has been calm; staff is growing and is continuing to be positive with the students and overall environment. Report card conferences went well; Staff bowling went extremely well.
- **Personnel (Dutton), early retirement negotiation, part time SPED, new hires:**

 SPED teacher is doing well; science is back. The high school history teacher is requesting a 8-10 day maternity leave to be with his wife that is due around Christmas break. The term sub in English is doing well and is enjoying the students. We have 3 new paras; 1 former student and 2 others that are familiar with some staff members.
- **Special Education Memorandum of Understanding and building dispute:** A quarterly bill (50K) to the City of Bridgeport has been submitted; everything is documented on SPED teacher. A follow up will be done in a few weeks. The SPED teacher's payroll is relative to the budget in that it is an expense incurred.
- 7. **Renewal application and visit, Corrective Action Plan submitted and approved:** There is a meeting in December with the State Boards subcommittee following our Corrective Action Plan. Every month the Board of Directors with review every suspension.
- 8. **Financial report, Budget for next year (for now same as this year) Current 2 month financial report:**
- 9. **Building issues (Dutton) Approval of contractor for office renovation, asbestos removal:**
 Construction is 99.99% complete; phones are being put in the offices as the final piece. Reading groups are currently working out of them.
- 10. **Governing Council:** Open meeting Monday December 4th. This meeting will revolve on the topic of our current guided reading program and RTI. The next meeting will touch on school uniforms.
- 11. **Executive session:** No executive session.
- 12. **Other New Business:** A 10K grant was received and it was decided by the Board to utilize the grant towards the school climate; on our social worker.
- 13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm

Board Member	Topic	Date of resolution
Tim Dutton	Bring suspension policy to Board of Directors	Dec 2017

