

Minutes of the Board of Education Community Outreach, Alignment, & Communication Committee Meeting held on Thursday, September 7, 2023, in Board of Education Conference Room E, 1 School Street, Bethel, CT 06801.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, J. Variale, A. Salerno, T. Soucy, M. Rutledge

C. Schaefer, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Board Members Attendance:

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman: Present
Mr. Scott Clayton, Alt.: *Absent*
Mrs. Kara DiBartolo: Present
Mrs. Courtney Martin: *Absent*
Ms. Melanie O'Brien: Present
Mrs. Cathy Schaefer: Present

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1. Review Teacher Survey Data

Dr. Carver informed the committee in the spring, that the administration surveyed staff to get input on parental support for academic, social, and behavioral outcomes. This data gauged parental perception on a variety of topics including (1) academic support; (2) use of technology; (3) communication based on respect; and (4) peer interactions and support of misbehavior.

2. Engagement for Student Success - Literacy Message

The committee reviewed the survey data and discussed ideas around the feedback from the surveys. They discussed parent engagement and events around reading, math, etc. Discussed possible events, district calendar of reading celebration, recognition items, bookmarks w/QR codes of videos of staff reading a book. Discussed student homework. The administration will come back to the committee with a draft of what they would like to plan. Committee members will look for business sponsors for prize items.

3. New Business

None.

4. Public Comment

Gabrielle Hernandez, 114 Knollwood Drive, spoke to the committee about a resource for bilingual

students and the need for bilingual books in the libraries. She spoke about the storytelling curriculum and reading buddies. She recommended when contacting businesses for sponsorships to include requesting things like food gift cards due to food insecurities.

5. Adjourn

Move to adjourn at 7:42 PM. Passed with a motion by Ms. Melanie O'Brien and a second by Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman.

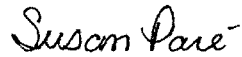
Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman: Yea

Mrs. Kara DiBartolo: Yea

Ms. Melanie O'Brien: Yea

Mrs. Cathy Schaefer: Yea

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Pare
Board Recorder