



## Torrington Public Schools

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### **School Improvement Committee Meeting Monday, November 4, 2019, 6:00PM Torrington School**

#### **Minutes**

1. Call to Order: 6:00PM
2. Roll Call: Ellen Hoehne, John Kissko, Jessica Richardson, Cathy Todor, Roni Gelormino (Teacher Representative)  
Also in Attendance: Fiona Cappabianca, Gary Eucalitto, Armand Maniccia
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Richardson made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor.
5. Public Participation: None
6. Discussion/Next Steps:
  - a. Host School Report: Fund for Teachers - Sandy Mangan reported on her grant funded trip to Copenhagen. Wonderful opportunity/experience. She noted a "Hands Off" parenting style. 4.6% special education population which system is trying to decrease. This year's grant recipients to host informational session for teachers interested in applying this time around - Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Fit Together Grant funded 5-2-1-0 initiatives were shared along with a NW CT Community Foundation grant that Brandy Zima wrote to purchase 3 TV's that were mounted throughout the school. The monitors scroll schedules, healthy activities, attendance information, community events and pictures of students. An update on weekly RTI meetings, "WINN" block targeted intervention shared at grade level meetings and information on Special Education "Building Independence" efforts by the instructional leaders was given. Student engagement; differentiate strategies for ALL students. Ongoing work with a focus on building student independence while providing special education leadership opportunities was shared.

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on January 29, 2020.

- b. Community Partner Presentation – Eileen Marriott, Executive Director, KidsPlay Museum shared information on its partnerships with TPS including a lending library, in-kind space for School Readiness Meetings and Staff Professional Development trainings. Angel Memberships for income eligible families are coordinated through Ms. Gajewski who connects TPS families to free passes and family engagement learning experiences within the museum.
  - c. SBAC: A Study Group that will focus on data will be established in the next couple of weeks.
  - d. Updates, Reports, Brief Discussions:
    - i. NEASC – The high school principal shared preliminary results, 2019-2020
    - ii. Board Goals – Work on Board’s Purpose
    - iii. Social Media – Facebook feed and all school events are on website
    - iv. System wide Focus Areas – Staff continue to keep these front and center. All PD is specifically targeted to address these areas. Chronic absenteeism goal 13% to 11% this year. Student engagement; differentiate strategies for ALL students. Ongoing work with a focus on building student independence while providing special education leadership opportunities was shared.
  - e. Alliance Progress: The data tracker was submitted and a meeting with the state liaison is scheduled for December.
  - f. Grade Point Average Calculation/Weighting of Grades: Dr. Shannon reviewed the various ways in which different districts calculate grade weighting.
7. Comments for the Good of the Order: None
8. Topics for Future Meetings:
- a. Weighted grading
  - b. Restorative Practices
  - c. New Course Proposals
9. Adjournment: Ms. Todor made a motion to adjourn, second by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:11PM.

<b>Future Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>
December 2, 2019	Migeon Ave.
January 8, 2020	Southwest
February 5, 2020	Forbes
March 4, 2020	TMS
April 1, 2020	THS
May 6, 2020	Migeon Ave.
June 3, 2020	Migeon Ave.