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Torrington Public Schools

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School Improvement Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 6:00PM Migeon Avenue

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:17 PM
2. Roll Call: Mr. Kissko, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Gelormino (Teacher Representative)
Also Present: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Eucalitto, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Ms. Schulte, Mr. Arum, Ms. Labbe
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Ms. Richardson. Unanimous.
4. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the minutes with amendment to #2 From Board Members to Committee Members and addition of Board Members also present, second by Ms. Richardson. Unanimous.
5. Public Participation: None.
6. Discussion and Next Steps:
 - a. Communications: The Chamber of Commerce will be working with schools and students to create lending libraries outside of each elementary and inside the secondary schools. Local organizations and banks will help to fund this initiative. The idea is "Take a Book/Leave a Book".
 - b. NEASC update: The NEASC Steering Committee and Torrington High School community is looking forward to the May visit. The Board of Education members are invited to meet with NEASC team on Sunday, May 5.
 - c. Updates and Reports, as available:
 - i. Status of 2018-19 Board Goals: All goals will be renewed to continue the focus in these areas.
 - ii. Strategic Plan: Will be reviewed over the summer by school staffs, monitoring and enhancing what we have in place.
 - iii. Social Media Progress: New website will be more streamlined, user-friendly. The new website will be shared in May.
 - iv. Legislative Liaisons: Monitoring Legislation is primary. Check new bills being proposed and continue to communicate with Legislators.

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- d. New Course Proposal – Drones: Course is expected to receive high interest as Drone technology is expected to grow over the next 5-8 years. This is a Tech Elective available to all juniors and seniors. Move to Board of Education.
 - e. Distinguished Alumnus Selection: Selection will be announced in May.
 - f. Discussion of Board Goals 2019-2020: Renew all goals, see them through to completion. Stay focused on what needs to be done, acknowledging all that has been accomplished thus far.
7. Comments for the Good of the Order: Rep-Am attended the play, coverage in the paper. Congratulations to all involved in the production. A high school junior is one of two students selected nationwide who has been invited to an international essay competition in Rome based on his Philosophy essay.
 8. Topics for Future Meetings
 - a. Alliance Progress
 - b. NEASC Update
 - c. Legislation
 - d. Board Goals
 - e. Strategic Plan
 9. Adjournment: Ms. Richardson made the motion to adjourn, second by Ms. Hoehne. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:21PM.