



Torrington Public Schools

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School Improvement Committee Meeting Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 6:00PM Migeon Avenue

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:00PM
2. Roll Call: Mr. Kissko, Ms. Hoehne, Ms. Todor, Ms. Richardson
Also Present: Ms. Fergusson, Mr. Olkowski, Ms. Labbe
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Richardson made a motion to approve the agenda the addition to 6 for Board Chair comments, second by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Hoehne made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Ms. Richardson. All in favor.
5. Public Participation: None
6. Discussion and Next Steps:
 - a. Middle School Report: Mr. Kissko reported out on his recent visit to the school and the many events he observed to be taking place at the Torrington Middle School. He visited on The World Leaders Day, which afforded him the opportunity to see projects that two classes of students had created that represented various World Leaders and the contributions they've made to our world. His tour also included the Restorative Practices/Reflection Room. Mr. Kissko found TMS to be a happy, welcoming environment.
Mr. Olkowski gave details regarding the SBDI report. He gave an overview of Restorative Practices and how that philosophy is being adopted and the positive effect it is having on the school environment.
 - b. Communications, Recognitions of Informal Reports from Teachers, etc.
 - c. Updates and Reports, as available:
 - i. 2018-2019 Board Goals Adopted by Full Board: Board Goals have been approved to move forward for the 2019-2020 School Year.
 - ii. Strategic Plan: As a live document it continues to be addressed and updated.
 - iii. Social Media Progress: Soft Launch is underway with approximately 80% of the website usable. It is still being tweaked and the hope is for a Hard Launch next week. It will continue over the summer months to be "under construction" as the process will continue to be ready for the new school year. Facebook icon is now on the website giving direct access to the TPS page and messenger. People have

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been taking advantage of this and it has been a positive experience.

Recommendation was made to have a place on the website where people can post photos directly to the site.

- iv. Legislative Liaisons/Legislation Update:
- v. CABE Legislative Update: Forum will be held at CAFTA, 100 Prospect Street, June 18th @ 8:30am.
- d. Distinguished Alumnus Presentation: To be presented by Ms. Richardson on June 6, 2019 @ Torrington High School Awards Night with Ms. Lubomski and Ms. Fergusson in attendance.
- e. Alliance Progress: We continue to work closely with our mentor who has been very helpful in addressing our needs. We will be meeting with her again on July 29th.
7. Meeting Locations for 2019-2020 (see below) - Meeting dates and times were agreed upon by the committee.
8. Comments for the Good of the Order:
Mr. Kissko noted a number of staff/students and their recent achievements. He also thanked Central Office Administrators and Staff for a very positive and very successful year.
Ms. Labbe thanked those who continue to support us with grant funding.
Ms. Fergusson shared the many events taking place over the next few weeks. The district has discussed new start times for the new school year.
9. Topics for Future Meetings:
 - a. School Report
 - b. Communications
 - c. Board Goals
 - d. Strategic Plan
 - e. Social Media
 - f. Legislative Liaisons/Legislation Update
 - g. Community Partners
 - h. Restorative Practices
10. Adjournment: Ms. Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Hoehne. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Future Meetings:

August 7th – Migeon Avenue

September 4th – Migeon Avenue

October 2nd – Vogel-Wetmore

November 4th – Torrington

December 2nd – Southwest

January 8th – Forbes

February 5th – TMS

March 4th – THS

April 1st – Migeon Avenue

May 6th – Migeon Avenue

June 3rd – Migeon Avenue