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School Improvement Committee Meeting Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 6:00 PM Vogel Wetmore Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:05 PM
2. Roll Call: Board Members Present: Mr. Kissko (Chair), Ms. Richardson, Ms. Spino, Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Gelormino, Ms. Hoehne
Administrators Present: Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Mr. Deacon, Mr. Skarzynski, Ms. Labbe
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Spino made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: As amended for correct spelling of Mr. Maniccia. Ms. Spino, Mr. Kissko, All in favor.
5. Public Participation: Diane Holland: interested in the number of AP courses, more rigor, capstone projects and encouraging the district and students to move forward.
6. Discussion and Next Steps:
 - a. Mr. Deacon gave update to beginning of school year. Mr. Deacon gave a tour of the facility to Mr. Kissko during his visit. Vogel Wetmore has had a very happy, enthusiastic start to the new year. Staff and students are working on relationship building by being approachable with the students. Kindergarteners are learning to maneuver the building and understanding routines. Book Clubs, Workshops, teachers working with teachers modeling a good transition to the redistricting. Looking forward to combining with Southwest to host a Veteran's Day Appreciation at the Warner by bring all children to the facility to learn the meaning of the day. Mr. Peter Michelson and Mr. Andrew Deacon working well together to create a "New" Vogel Wetmore. Had a wonderful turnout for Open House. PTO involvement is very good, Chairs & Co-Chair positions are filled with lots of parental support. Mr. Deacon was excused at 6:15pm.
 - b. Publications: Mr. Gaffney in touch with all staff regarding the magazine. Draft will be available by end of October. Excited to magazine pulled together. Website is a work in progress.
 - c. Board Goals & Strategic Plan: Administration has discussed with leadership teams to get site safety plans and strategic plans in place by November 2018.
 - d. AP Offerings and Enrollment: ECE/AP classes gain 6 credits for UConn courses tied to UConn classes, but many schools accept these credits. Looking to get the information better distributed among parents & students. Many not aware of its availability or how it can make a difference to a student's future. Processes being put into place now with the

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younger grades (6th) with program, Naviance, to help them identify a path of strength and interests.

- e. SAT Grades: Introduction of PSAT's in 9th – 10th grade Fall & Spring, current benchmark signifies a C for college courses. Get parent's informed regarding its information and how it can be disseminated to help better education students. Increase levels of Kahn Academy usage.
 - f. State Assessment Report: Information available for November meeting.
 - g. THS Parking Permits: It should be a privilege to drive to school. Looking at the ability to require a parking sticker that a fee would be charged for the year. Would create a sense of "seriousness" of and responsibility for being allowed to park. SRO/security would be in charge of spot checks, to help alleviate the problem of students simply parking without permission. Will need to get Wolcott Tech involved since some of their students park at THS parking lot. Will continue to investigate options. Revisit next meeting.
 - h. Comments for the Good of the Order: Ronni Gelormino just completed 2 days of Restorative Training. Found it to be interesting and she is very excited to implement what she information she has obtained.
7. Topics for Future Meetings:
- a. Publication Update
 - b. Progress on Board Goals and Strategic Plan
 - c. Advanced Placement
 - d. State Assessment report
 - e. THS Parking Permits
8. Adjournment: Ms. Spino made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:17PM.