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## Torrington Public Schools

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### **School Improvement Committee Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 6:00 P.M. Southwest School**

#### **MINUTES**

1. Call to Order: 6:00pm
2. Roll Call: Board Members present: Mr. Kissko, Ms. Todor, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Hoehne  
Administration and Staff: Ms. Fergusson, Mr. Skarzynski, Ms. Gelormino
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Richardson made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Ms.Todor. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes, second by Ms.Todor. All in favor.
5. Public Participation: None.
6. Discussion and Next Steps:
  - a. Host School Report – Mr. Kissko visited Southwest school and found it to be a happy, busy place. The students were engaged in their lessons and proud to show off their beautiful school. He was introduced to the school mascot, Rockasaurus-Rex and learned that during the month of December, the custodian hides the mascot around the school and the students excitedly search for him. It's a fun motivator for young children. Mr. Kissko also mentioned the beautiful showcase display for Veterans day done by the head custodian. It included military memorabilia.
  - b. Communications: Donna Labbe has been in touch with the web designer and hope to have a proposal by Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
  - c. Publication Update: Magazines were distributed at Parent Teacher conferences. We received very positive responses. Families were very appreciative. We will be meeting again with Mr. Gaffney on December 18<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the next issue.
  - d. Strategic plans: These are living documents, a work in progress. We will have an updated version for the Board by the end of year.
  - e. Board Goal: Improving and Enhancing of Torrington High School (Facility and Academic Program). This is the focus of Secondary Ad Hoc Committee. At the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, deadlines for committee work will be discussed. In the

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meantime, administration is working on developing college and career pathways and a schedule to support this model.

- f. New Course Proposals: The committee agreed to bring the following to the Board:
  - Unified Physical Education
  - Introduction to Engineering
  - Sports Science
7. Comments for the Good of the Order: Congratulations to Ronnie Gelormino for an amazing drama production at Torrington High School last week. She Kills Monsters was a wonderful success.
8. Topics for Future Meetings:
  - a. Lunch Program
  - b. NEASC
  - c. Website
9. Adjournment: Ms. Richardson made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.
10. Next meeting: January 2,2019 @ 6pm – Migeon Avenue