



Torrington Public Schools

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TPS Secondary Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting Thursday, March 21, 2019, 5:00 PM TMS

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 5:20
2. Roll Call: Ed Arum, Darlene Battle, Fiona Cappabianca, Patricia David, Mary DeMarchi, Susan Fergusson, Ellen Hoehne, John Kissko, Donna Labbe, Robin Ledversis, Mario Longobucco, Susan Lubomski, Sandy Mangan, Andrew Marchand, Peter Michelson, Wendy Pataky, Kathi Peterson, Jeff Putnam, Jess Richardson, Kim Schulte, Trina Schultz-Milanese, Joann Stefurak, Hilary Sterling, John Sullivan, Teresa Sullivan.
3. Survey Results: Over 2,000 surveys were completed for the March 2019 3-12 Grade Student Online Climate Survey. Results from the section added by the secondary ad hoc committee pertaining to career pathways and plans for attendance at Torrington High School were shared. Highlights are listed below.
 - Approximately one third of middle school students are unsure if they will be attending and those that were not emphasized interests in trade and agriculture schools.
 - Career pathways of interest for 6-12 grade where the following: Creative Performing Arts, Health & Wellness, Business/Finance/Marketing, and STEM.
 - A similar survey for parents will be conducted in the next few weeks.
 - Exit survey for all students who leave the district.
4. RFP Update Regarding Architect for Future Projects: A draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for an architect for the secondary building project was shared. A pre-bid meeting will be planned after the RRFP is approved and posted. There was a discussion around building design and 21st Century Learning. Mr. Arum, Interim Business Director, noted the draft RFP is currently open to feedback and the final version would be made public for all architects to submit a proposal.
5. Secondary Conference Summary – Igniting Innovation: Superintendent Lubomski and Assistant Superintendent Fergusson, and THS Assistant Principal Ledversis shared highlights from a state-wide conference that outlined how industry has changed with the times but schools have remained a “factory model” that needs to be updated to a 21st Century model in order to adapt to student learning styles.

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on June 26, 2019.

6. Scheduling Updates and New Courses – TMS & THS: Several new courses were discussed. Among them was a coding course has been submitted for approval. Approximately 25 students will be able to enroll in this entry level coding class. The district will assess participation and outcomes and will explore a coding two course if there is interest and capacity to offer. Grant resources that are in place to support career pathway initiatives were outlined.
7. Adjournment: Mr. Putnam made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Stefurak. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.
Next meeting: Thursday, April 4th at 5:30PM, THS LMC