



Torrington Public Schools

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School Improvement Committee Meeting Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 6:00PM 355 Migeon Avenue

Minutes

1. Call to Order-6:03PM
2. Roll Call – Ms. Richardson (Chair), Ms. Pataky, Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Cappabianca
Administrators – Ms. Clemons, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Creedon
3. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve made by Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Pataky second.
All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve made by Ms. Pataky, Mr. Maniccia second.
All in favor.
5. Public Participation:
 - Ms. Richardson: Superintendent Clemons had made the suggestion to visit the as part of the SIC Meetings. This would make it easier for the public to participate as well. The SIC welcomes public participation.
 - Parent Comment: Mr. Brian Skarupa: Question: What is the district's policy on keeping the parents informed of administrative leadership changes? What is an acceptable amount of time to find out about the change? When that message is communicated, what are the means of communication?
 - Ms. Cappabianca requested the parent's email, so a response could be provided. Ms. Richardson thanked the parent.
6. Information Sharing and Discussion Items:
 - a. TMS Visit and Highlights – Ms. Richardson explained a board member will also be visiting each school prior to the SIC Meeting.
 - Ms. Pataky commented on her visits to the classrooms. She was impressed with what the students were doing as well as the dedication of the teachers. They are doing a great deal with very little resources. The staff has also volunteered much of their time to beautify the building and are continuing to do the Viking Helmets for individual student recognitions and the Teacher Tree.
 - Dr. Buchanan provided an update on the upcoming school events. She also noted the dedication of the staff in all areas, particularly related to the after school unified sports program. More students have participated than was anticipated.
 - Ms. Richardson requested the numbers of students participating in the after school programs and the sports being offered.

These minutes were approved by the Torrington Board of Education on November 29, 2017.

- b. Communications Update – Ms. Clemons said there is a New Facebook page. This is a way to share some of the district’s successes. Ms. Brown, Ms. Clemons’ Administrative Assistant, is the coordinator for the Facebook page.
 - c. SGC Updates – Last month: THS didn’t receive the Lowes grant, but they will reapply. On November 28, students will have an opportunity to have breakfast with local businesses. The Chamber of Commerce and members of the community will be present to develop school relationships with students.
 - d. Comments for the Good of Order:
 - Ms. Pataky thanked the middle school for the visit.
 - Mr. Maniccia also thanked the middle school staff for sharing.
 - Ms. Richardson provided the new date for the prom, May 17th.
7. Topics for Future Meetings:
- a. East School Visit and Highlights
 - b. Communications Update
 - c. Curriculum Council, Next Meeting: 2:15-3:45PM-THS Media Classroom, October 5, 2017
8. Adjournment – 6:54PM; Motion by Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Richardson second. All in favor.
9. Next meeting: November 1, 2017, 6:00PM, East School