



Torrington Public Schools

Packet for SIC Meeting

November 30, 2022



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School Improvement Committee Wednesday, November 30, 2022, 6:00 P.M. Migeon Ave.

There will be an opportunity to call in and speak as noted in the body of the agenda during public comment. Those calling in will need to state their name and address for the record and will be subject to the same rules as for in-person participation. Dial-in number: (425) 436-6343 Access Code: 225583

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Agenda

Comments may be solicited at any time during the meeting as recognized by the Chair

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Public Participation: *Members of the public and staff may bring to the committee's attention information, ideas, or matters of concern related to all the duties and responsibilities of this committee. This committee will not allow comments regarding specific staff members or personal grievances. The time for individual remarks will be apportioned according to the number of speakers and will be limited to five minutes per speaker unless extended by the chair.*
6. Discussion and Next Steps:
 - a. CH&W Contract Questions, Vote to Move Contract to BOE
 - b. In-District Assessments and Follow-up Questions on SBA Report
 - c. Board Goals, 2022-2023

- d. Systemwide Focus Areas: (Attendance, Engaging and Differentiated Instruction, Targeting Student Needs, Community Outreach: Student, Parent, and Community Engagement)
- e. Delegated SIC Board Goals:
 - 1. (shared with full Board) Monitor the implementation of the district strategic plan and its integration into the city strategic plan once that plan is developed.
 - 2. Monitor and support the Middle School/High School Building Committee and allocate resources to the development and implementation of the “Pathways” approach to the secondary curriculum.
 - 3. Oversee and support whatever is necessary to deal with the educational impact of the effects of prolonged distance learning.
- f. Website, Altice, Social Media Updates
- g. TAG Update
- h. Alliance Updates
- i. Topics for Future Meetings: social promotion, homogeneous vs. heterogeneous grouping, school culture, pathways update, facilities realignment, online materials as replacements for textbooks, AP access, personal finance and community service requirements, four-year college acceptance/retention, needs analysis, personal finance, community service, dress code violation report
- j. Comments for the Good of the Order
- k. Adjournment

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Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:07 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Kissko, Mr. Burger, Ms. Todor, Ms. DePretis, Ms. Gelormino (Teacher Representative)
Also Present: Ms. Cappabianca, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Eucalitto, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Ms. Schulte, Ms. Herold, Mr. Michelson, Ms. Klimaszewski, Ms. Gallulo
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Depretis made a motion to approve the agenda with the understanding that In-district Student Assessment Data Presentation will be moved to next month, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Ms. DePretis made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor.
5. Public Participation: None
6. Discussion and Next Steps:
 - a. Torrington School Report: Mr. Kissko visited Torrington on Halloween - "They are happy busy kids. A lot of the classes were reading, and they are doing phonics." Ms. Gallulo added - "Torrington had a pumpkin dash - as a fundraiser. We were recently awarded a 502 grant and we have a new preschool program. Veteran's Day ceremony - indoor assembly." She was asked if she is seeing better attendance? "It is getting better but we're seeing a lot of sickness; a lot of students and staff are being affected. There are many things in place to tackle chronic absenteeism.
 - b. Community Partner Report, Q/A: Presenters: Mr. Kersten, Ms. Urbanatti, Ms. Burrows, Ms. Borduas, Mr. Arum, Dr. Curi. Community Health & Wellness is celebrating 20 years of service in Torrington. The group accepts everyone, regardless of whether or not they have insurance. They provide financial support for those that need it. The Community Partners presented a PowerPoint. Their goal is to address barriers: time, cost, transportation. Community Health and

Wellness received the grant through HERSA that started in September 2021. They work closely with the counselors to get information regarding which students need mental health support and they contact parents to get permission. Parental inclusion is paramount. Ms. DePretis asked questions regarding the APRN diagnosing and treating childhood illnesses. She asked the APRN if she knows who has allergies? Ms. Urbanati explained that she has a release of information, so she can check allergies prior to prescribing a medication. After speaking with parents, the prescriptions are sent electronically to the family's choice of pharmacy. No medications are dispensed in the schools. Ms. Richardson asked for clarification on the services listed on the CH&W flyer? Ms. Borduas summarized and explained that students would only be treated with parental consent. Mr. Eucalitto asked if it was possible to offer these services after school. He expressed concern with the amount of instructional time students miss and suggested we look into offering an afterschool version of this program. Ms. DePretis asked if we are covered from a liability standpoint? Ms. Borduas explained that the district is covered under the Community Health & Wellness liability plan. Some concern was expressed about students who do not have a PCP. In that instance, how would CH&W follow up? The APRN will see students in the schools or at CH&W's Migeon Ave center. In those instances, she can be the PCP. The agency does not collect any co-pays. When the child is enrolled, parents are informed that their insurance will be billed. There is no out of pocket billing. The insurance is only billed for an office visit. The grant covers salaries for the staff in the schools, and whatever supplies are needed. Ms. Borduas emphasized that the agency is not making money with this program. It is a service to the community.

- c. Follow-up Questions on SBA Report: Moved to next month.
- d. In-district Student Assessment Data Presentation: Moved to next month.
- e. Board Goals, 2022-2023: Moved to next month.
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- h. Website, Altice, Social Media Updates: Moved to next month.
- i. TAG Update, Student Services Report: Andrew completed the latest round of testing that needed to be done and he will share those results with Steve Barton who is acting as Director of Students Services in Laura's absence. Students currently participating in the TAG experience are being seen weekly.

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Torrington Board of Education.

- j. Alliance Updates: There will be a meeting with the Alliance representative later in the month.
- 7. Topics for Future Meetings: social promotion, homogeneous vs. heterogeneous grouping, school culture, pathways update, facilities realignment, online materials as replacements for textbooks, AP access, personal finance and community service requirements, four-year college acceptance/retention, needs analysis, personal finance, community service, in district assessment, board goals, monthly Yondr updates,
- 8. Comments for the Good of the Order (paraphrased)
Ms. Richardson: "I would like to know when we would like to have our on-going discussion on Community Health and Wellness."
Mr. Eucalitto: "If we have more questions, put it in writing?"
- 9. Adjournment: Mr. Eucalitto made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

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