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Torrington Public Schools

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Facilities & Technology Committee Meeting Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 6:00 PM 355 Migeon Ave.

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:01 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Eucalitto, Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Fappiano (Remote), Mr. Corey (Remote), Ms. Mangan (Teacher Rep.)
Also Present: Ms. Cappabianca, Ms. Hoehne, Mr. Kissko, Ms. Todor (Remote), Ms. DePretis (Remote), Ms. Richardson, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Mr. Arum, Mr. Barlow, Ms. Herold
3. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Maniccia made a motion to amend the agenda to add 6E CDC Guidelines, second by Ms. Fappiano. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Fappiano made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor.
5. Public Participation: None
6. Discussion/Next Steps:
 - a. Update Security Grant: Mr. Barlow stated that Donna Labbe has reported that the State legislature has approved the security grant of 10 million dollars. The applications will be available in April. He proposed an executive session for next meeting to discuss in detail.
 - b. Update Window Project: We met with Kaestle Boos and they had several architects and experts in construction, and they are currently in the process of developing construction documents and coming up with estimates. More updates should be available next month.
 - c. Alliance Construction Grant Update: The board was shown pictures of the following projects.
 - 1.Stair Treads – Vogel-Wetmore
 - 2.Lighting Project – Middle School
 - 3.Ceiling Tile Project – Middle School

4. Refinishing Gym Floor – Middle School / Vogel-Wetmore – We have a bidder, and this project should start this summer.

- d. Tech Update: Ms. Herold shared that our district infrastructure upgrade is complete. Currently, she is working on swipe cards. The swipe cards will act as the following: badge, building access, and access to wireless access. Mr. Barlow stated that analytics are the future of security.
 - e. CDC Guidelines: Are the schools being kept as clean as possible? Mr. Barlow answered yes, our buildings are cleaner than they have ever been. Given new CDC guidance on minimal surface area spread, are we changing our focus as a district? Mr. Barlow said, “As a district, we made a commitment that we will wipe the surfaces down regardless of whether the CDC says that surface to person spread is low. We go above and beyond with our cleaning and sanitizing, more than some districts. We follow every protocol that the CDC requires us to keep our students and staff safe.” Mr. Eucalitto inquired on getting a more precise check list on when we close schools. Ms. Cappabianca stated students and staff privacy needed to be protected. Mr. Eucalitto said his main focus is to keep the kids in school. Ms. Lubomski agreed with Mr. Eucalitto that keeping the students in school in-person is the priority. Ms. Lubomski stated that each circumstance is different. On each case, she works in collaboration with the health department to come to a final decision about closures.
7. Comments for the Good of the Order: (Paraphrased)
- John B. – “I love being part of the community in Torrington. I thank you for committing to me and allowing me to work here!”
- Sue L. – “Many thanks to John and Ally. They’ve done a phenomenal job!”
- Sandy – “Children are learning. I appreciate the fact that our district is staying on top with the sanitizers.”
- John – “Interesting meeting.”
- Gary – “I am here to make the education system better. I met two kids who graduated from THS and they represented Torrington so well.”
8. Topics for Future Meetings
- a. Executive Session – School Security Grant
 - b. Windows Update
 - c. Alliance Construction Grant Update
9. Adjournment: Mr. Maniccia made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Fappiano. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.