



Torrington Public Schools

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School Improvement Committee Meeting Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 6:00 P.M. Migeon Avenue School

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Mr. Kissko, Ms. Todor, Ms. DePretis (Remote), Ms. Richardson
Also Present: Ms. Cappabianca, Mr. Eucalitto, Ms. Lubomski, Ms. Fergusson, Mr. Deacon, Ms. Fappiano (Remote), Ms. Herold, Ms. Schulte, Ms. Herold, Ms. Mazzato, Ms. Klimaszewski
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Richardson made a motion to amend the agenda removing TMS improvement plan and adding discussion on preliminary Superintendent evaluation, second by Ms. DePretis. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Ms. DePretis. All in favor.
5. Public Participation: None
6. Discussion and Next Steps:
 - a. Preliminary Superintendent Evaluation: Mrs. Lubomski will share her goals at the beginning of the year, and there will be a midterm evaluation, and end of the year evaluation. In past years, we have used a CAFE adopted form. The Superintendent will forward the form to the committee for review.
 - b. State Test Results: Ms. Fergusson and Ms. Mazzatto shared a report detailing the Smarter Balance and SAT scores from Spring 2021. The State originally released scores of students who tested in-person, and in late August combined the remote test takers' scores with the in-person. The State has strongly discouraged districts from conducting comparative analyses (year to year, or district to district). There are just too many uncontrolled variables created by the pandemic. Administration will use these scores as one measure of student achievement but will place more value on in-district assessments such as the STAR, DIBELS, etc.
 - c. Systemwide Focus Areas: There is a session planned for tomorrow for engaging and differentiation instruction that will spill into attendance.

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(Attendance, Engaging and Differentiated Instruction, Targeting Student Needs, Community Outreach: Student, Parent, and Community Engagement)

d. 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.

The BOE is considering a special meeting next Wednesday to discuss multiple items related to the executive orders.

3. Oversee and support whatever is necessary to deal with the educational impact of the effects of prolonged distance learning.

e. Wrap-up High School Summer Experience Report: Ms. Mazzato shared a summary:

Credit Recovery Program:

Total number of students enrolled: 103

Total number of students that earned credit: 73 (71%).

Intensive Blended Credit Recovery Program:

Total number enrolled: 98

Total number of students that earned credit: 78 (80%)

Total overall: 201 students enrolled and 151 earned credit which was 75%

- f. Website, Altice, Social Media Updates: Ms. Herold gave an update. 236 people viewed our Facebook page. Posts reached 1,616 people. Some highlights were that 237 people streamed the THS 20 year 9/11 ceremony.
- g. TAG Update: Ms. Klimaszewski worked with the OTL group and decided to use the COGAT to administer to 4th and 5th graders. Scores of 130 or greater will qualify students for participation in the pilot.
- h. Alliance Update: Ms. Lubomski mentioned that Alliance deadlines have been pushed up 6-8 weeks earlier. The meeting will occur at the beginning of October.

7. Topics for Future Meetings:

- a. TMS Improvement Plan
- b. Superintendent Goals
- c. Social Promotion
- d. Homogeneous vs. Heterogeneous Grouping
- e. Washington Field Trip
- f. Cellphones
- g. Uniforms
- h. Facilities Re-alignment
- i. Vaccine mandate for staff
- j. Impact of quarantine of students
- k. Impact of masks

8. Comments for the Good of the Order: (paraphrased)

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Sue L. – “Very efficient meeting as always”

Sue D. – “Thank you for the updates. Thank you Robin and Joanne for the comments on our students.”

Jessica – “I actually had a couple of new teachers comment to me how much they’re enjoying the school.”

John – “Thank you everyone for coming, I like the atmosphere for these meetings.”

9. Adjournment: Ms. DePretis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Richardson. All in favor. 7:04 P.M.

Next Meeting: October 6th, Torrington School

Future Meetings: November 3rd, Vogel-Wetmore School; December 1st, Forbes School; January 5th, Migeon Avenue School; February 2nd, Migeon Avenue School; March 2nd, Migeon Avenue School; April 6th, Southwest School; May 4th, Torrington Middle School; June 1st, Torrington High School