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School Improvement Committee Meeting Wednesday, June 6, 2018 6:00PM THS Media Center

Board Members: Mr. Kissko, Ms. Spino, Mr. Maniccia, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Hoehne
Administrators: Mr. Skarzynski, Ms. Ledversis, Ms. Fergusson, Ms. Lubomski

1. Call to Order: 6:05PM
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Kissko motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Spino second. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Add Ms. Spino to the May minutes. Mr. Kissko motion and Ms. Spino second. All in favor.
5. Public Participation: none
6. Information Sharing and Discussion:
 - a. Report on THS- Mr. Skarzynski-Reviewed all of the many activities and celebrations of excellence regarding THS students. Scholarship Night approximately \$60,000 was given out; Prom was moved to a better night, not Memorial weekend; Multi-cultural event/Diversity Day-many student performances were well received by all; NEASC is occurring May 2019; an Automotive teacher has been hired; THS admin will present of a review of the scores: PSAT, SAT, and AP scores during one of the fall Board Meetings; They will also provide the Board with a list of College acceptances & colleges, universities and future programs students will be attending. Regarding Culture and Climate: Camp Jewel Trip: Ms. Ledversis took a student team to work on team building, teaching students to interact with each other and make new friends.
Literacy Magazine-Lisa Roche established a new group this year. She will send the magazine to the administration and Board.
 - b. Implementation of Board Goals: Who will be involved?
 1. Legislators:
The Board rep would share with the SIC Committee how our Legislators voted.

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Good use of CAFE: conferences the Board can attend and references the Board can utilize

Student involvement: Young Republicans and Democrats

Molly will reach out to Drake Waldron and Pat Conroy

Molly will be the rep for the SIC Committee on this goal.

Ms. Lubomski will ensure that the CAFE information is getting to the Board.

2. Systemic process for updating the website and providing timely communication:

At sites:

TMS and THS: volunteer staff member, instead of a duty

Elementary: Music/Art/PE teacher or other staff member-a designated person, instead of a duty

District-superintendent secretary, Integrated Tech Specialist and Grant Manager

Photography club at THS could share pictures for review

Create a designated email address: "Good news about TPS": send photos or blurbs: do not reply-designate someone to monitor this.

Ensure that no student pictures are used for those on the "no photo" list. There has to be a screening process.

Sue Fergusson to provide update on website.

Other model websites and newsletters were presented: Glastonbury and Manchester.

Have a Superintendent's Q and A page that is updated and monitored.

The Mayor is in support more communications being distributed to promote the district and the town.

OWTS: Armand to look into the possibility of them printing our newsletter. Drop off at the senior center, doctor's offices; local businesses, real estate agencies, etc.

3. Strategic Plan: Make this a part of every agenda: updates on the strategic plan

4. Sister School Model-rotate meetings to each school again next year.

Full Board: Make the School Liaison reports from each school a part of the Full Board agenda.

5. Renovation of THS: Establish a Secondary Education Ad Hoc Committee. THS SGC recommended this as well. Volunteers from community: Ms. Cappabianca has already been approached by those who would like to be on the committee: Mr. Kissko mentioned Mr. Battle would like to be included. Mr. Maniccia would take the lead on this committee. There would be a Feasibility Study and defining what we want for our secondary schools. Once formed the Ad Hoc Committee would reach out to The Chamber of Commerce to include key people in the community.

/Timeframe: 6 months. The City has to do the referendum. The Committee will develop a solid plan of the secondary needs. Mr. Kissko will be responsible for distributing this information.

c. Meeting Schedule for the Summer: No meetings in July. In August, SIC will be held at Vogel-Wetmore.

7. Action Item:

a. Move the Board Goals Implementation Plan Recommendations to the Full Board: Approved

8. Comments for the Good of the Order: Ms. Richardson-no; Mr. Maniccia went to the Halo Awards-fun and excellent nominees. Mr. Skarzynski had a great first year. Ms. Ledversis is working on plans for moving forward.

9. Topics for Future Meetings:

a. State assessment reports-informational

b. AP testing-discuss

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- c. GPA-discuss
 - d. Student Parking Passes
10. Adjournment: Ms. Spino made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Maniccia. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:19PM