

Torrington Public Schools

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TPS Secondary Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting Thursday, January 10, 2019, 5:30 PM THS Library Media Center

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order: 5:37
- Roll Call: Dave Bascetta, Fiona Cappabianca, Patricia David, Mary DeMarchi, Susan Fergusson, Veronica Gelormino, Ellen Hoehne, John Kissko, Donna Labbe, Robin Ledversis, Mario Longobucco, Susan Lubomski, Armand Maniccia, Peter Michelson, Wendy Pataky, Kathi Peterson, Kimberly Petzel, Jeff Putnam, Jess Richardson, Kim Schulte, Trina Schultz-Milanese, Andrew Skarzynski, Joann Stefurak, John Sullivan, Teresa Sullivan, Allie Therrien.

Superintendent Lubomski noted that the student survey status and information on career pathways would be shared with the whole group. Ms. Labbe shared a draft of the student survey and noted mid-February as the goal date to administer. The Secondary Ad Hoc group made recommendations for the questions. Assistant Superintendent Fergusson shared a hand out on career pathways including: Business, Finance; Education; Healthcare & Wellness; Arts Performance, Production & Management; STEM and Manufacturing; and Public Safety, Law & Military. Work on these pathway choices and descriptions will continue to be done with secondary administration and staff. Superintendent Lubomski shared the new course proposals that align with the career pathways.

- 3. Break Out Session The groups broke out into small group topic areas
- 4. Discussion: <u>Facilities Update</u>: Examined sites again looked at layout options based on a 7-12 model. The group will review the student survey results to see what career pathways are in demand and use information to adapt a facility model.
 - <u>School Models</u>: Short term goals were established to look at credit requirement changes, staffing needs, and need for alternative program plan for TMS and THS students that would include plans to include all students.
 - <u>Communication/Marketing:</u> The group continued to work on the student survey and updated questions based on whole group feedback. A parent survey was designed as well and will be

These minutes have been approved by the Torrington Board of Education on February 26, 2019.

- implemented during Parent Conferences in March. Both surveys are designed to collect data and educate participants on the existing offerings of THS.
- 5. Adjournment: Ms. Hoehne made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Kissko. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Next meeting: January 24, 2019, 5:30PM, THS LMC