DLT MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17, 2018


Mr. Finch went over the people on DLT and the different capacities they represent:

Admins - Katie Zahedi & Margie O’Brien
Superintendent – Paul Finch
BOE – Johanna Moore & Maggie Rothwell
Teachers – Lara Agate, Nancy Keeney & Wendy Dorian 7 up to one more
Support Staff – Lori DeJoy & up to 3 more
PTA – Cindy Kubik & one more
PTSA – Amy Husted & one more
At Large – Dick Wamabach representing the Veterans, Angie Haan representing the Senior Citizens, Paul Agne representing Library
Students – Katie Whitaker said they are working on it (they get 2)

Cindy Kubik made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dick Wambuch. All were in favor.

PRESENTATORS AT MEETING: DONNA SEELBACH, RH DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY

Donna spoke about Safe Arrival, which parents can use to report student absences. Teacher Initiated Messaging runs through the SchoolMessenger App. Donna spoke about a technological issue they are having with parents’ email addresses. They are addressing this issue and once it is fixed, the SafeArrival App will be rolled out for people to use. Donna noted that when parents enter absences, they receive a confirmation email which will hopefully avoid students entering their own absences.

Paul spoke to a parent recently who has a child who will be studying abroad, and he suggested a possible policy for instances of this nature going forward.

Email other school districts to see what they do for educational opportunity purposes.

TOPIC: CINDY KUBIK AESTHETICS OF THE CAFETERIA – Cindy said she is working on BLT at Mill Road on the 3-5 side, and she is working with people there to try and change the aesthetics of the 3-5 cafeteria. Cindy will reach out to RHEF to see if anything can be done at the High School Cafeteria as well. Discussion ensued regarding transitioning to round tables, lighting, different colors, sound absorbers, adding plants, possible foundation grant, firehouse productions. Maggie asked if Garrett ever came back with information on changes in lighting.
TOPIC: DOG UPDATE – Cindy Kubik said she did see people with dogs on campus, but they stated they had a bag so it was okay. Maggie said her daughter ran track and every time she was there people were on campus with dogs. Wendy noted there were people over the summer at Mill Road who did not pick up after their dogs.

ADDITIONAL GOALS FOR DLT: Funding for students who may not afford expensive trips or school supplies, Food Service Balances, graduation gowns and colors renting versus buying, equity issues, gender related issues,

Mr. Finch said he wants to take a snapshot of last year’s band, chorus, IB program, some sports, some clubs, and other possible areas to determine the number of economically disadvantaged students. Mr. Finch stated he will extend an invite to band teachers to start looking into the financial aspect of students in the band.

Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen, two scholarships available through the VFW. Dick Wambach wanted to know the best way to advertise for these. Mr. Finch stated reaching out to the guidance department, Nancy Keeney stated reaching out to Social Studies teachers. Mr. Finch stated he could have someone come to a future meeting to discuss scholarships and the process in which they are handed out.

Cindy Kubik asked the process for notifying parents of new hires. An example would be the new high school principal. Should ALL parents be notified and not just high school parents?

Mr. Finch asked for a volunteer for facilitator at the next meeting: Mr. Wambach said he would facilitate.

FUTURE MEETING DATES 2018-19  
October 15, 2018; November 19, 2018; December 17, 2018; January 21, 2019; February 18, 2019; March 18, 2019; April 22, 2019; May 20, 2019; and June 17, 2019

Motion to adjourn by Johanna at 4:38 p.m. Motion was seconded by Larra Agate. Meeting adjourned.