Present: Robert McKiernan, Christine Griffin, Tara Miller, Suzanne Gillette, Gail Torchia, Patricia Piaget, Chrystel Smith-Mineault, Robert Zitz, Gavin Roca

Not Present: Leah Lipke, Billie Teixeira

Co-chairs: Christine Griffin and Gavin Roca  Recorder: Suzanne Gillette

Start: 2:35

Accepted Minutes: Meeting September 18, 2019

New Business:

1. **Change to Meeting Time**:
   a. Mrs. Griffin began the meeting in Mr. McKiernan’s absence. There was a decision made to start BLT meetings at 2:40 rather than 2:30 to adjust for the later school day dismissal. Consideration will be given to parent members trying to arrive when buses are leaving and teachers trying to tie up loose ends at the end of ninth period.

2. **Storage**:
   a. Mrs. Murray gave Mrs. Griffin a tour of the girl’s locker room & noted that Varsity sports have no place to put their bags/equipment. The boy’s locker room has a long line of lockers that were purchased by Mr. Cassata and a separate “drying room” where the lockers are located and the athletes can change. Space is limited in the girl’s locker room and they have lost the shower/changing area to much needed storage space.
   b. Mrs. Murray also pointed out that many of the lockers are zip tied closed and not being used and this is an underutilized space where longer lockers could be placed.
   c. Mrs. Miller asked what the next step would be. Mr. Zitz commented that deciding on need; layout and purchasing would be the first step. The lockers could then be put in during a holiday break.
   d. The question was raised as to whether Red Hook Education Foundation Grants might be tapped for this project. Mrs. Piaget mentioned Maura Sullivan might be in charge of the RH Ed Foundation.
   e. Mrs. Griffin mentioned it could happen earlier if the funds did not come out of the Facilities budget.
   f. Mr. McKiernan arrived at 2:51 and the group caught him up on the topic of storage.
   g. The idea was brought up that maybe hooks could be placed into the locker room at least temporarily for the girls.
   h. Mr. McKiernan agreed that an immediate solution would be hooks. Williams Lumber might have that volume (15-20), which could be placed on the space to the right of the door. Mr. Zitz agreed that it was doable.
Next step would be for Mrs. Murray to write up a wish list – what would the space look like when it’s done and then how do we get there?

There was discussion of a student changing area outside of the main area, as there is nothing right now.

The group agreed that storage has become a real issue. Mrs. Gillette inquired about outside storage of some type - sheds or overhead storage. There are bikes, inline skates, climbing equipment, snowshoes, etc. which are all new and in need of proper storage.

Mr. McKiernan brought up there is probably many things that might be out of date and could be removed or gotten rid of.

Mr. Zitz remembered that Perry Sheldon had looked into individual dividers for that room in the last few years.

Mrs. Griffin will talk to Mrs. Murray about long-term and short-term ideas. We will need the physical education teachers to participate in the process – critical needs, wish list, etc.

3. **Bathrooms:**
   a. We then brought up hooks for the bathrooms. Students have no place to put their phones, passes etc. We asked Mr. Zitz if a shelf or hooks could be installed. A discussion would have to happen with Perry Sheldon. Painting the bathrooms was also brought up, and Mr. McKiernan reminded us that there are codes and laws that guide what we can do – we need to look into the right kind of paint that will adhere to plastic. Mr. McKiernan will contact Perry Sheldon via email.

**Agenda Items for next month on November 20, 2019:**

1. **School Culture:**
   a. Mrs. Miller asked about a subcommittee to look into the Pep Rally, Field Day, Spirit Week etc. She spoke with Mr. Cassata regarding student participation etc. A suggestion was made to get class officers and their classes involved with Student Council to work with Mr. Cassata on the organization of the day.
   b. It is a huge undertaking, and its present form is not reaching the potential we think it could.
   c. Mr. McKiernan stated he has an issue with a high school without a pep rally. Mrs. Miller suggested a bonfire and Mr. McKiernan discussed the likely problems surrounding that and the possibility of Middle School students showing up as well. Sports parents could be asked to participate as chaperones and there needs to be a lot of thought and management into something of that magnitude.
   d. It does not have to have anything to do with sports or the pep rally, but just a “spirit building” event to include everyone, not just the athletes.

**Adjourned:** 3:46 pm

**Next Meeting:** November 20, 2019 at 2:40