School Improvement Committee  
Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 6:00 P.M.  
Southwest School

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: 6:00pm
2. Roll Call: Board Members present: Mr. Kissko, Ms. Todor, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Hoehne Administration and Staff: Ms. Fergusson, Mr. Skarzynski, Ms. Gelormino
3. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Richardson made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor.
4. Approval of Minutes: Ms. Richardson made the motion to approve the minutes, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor.
5. Public Participation: None.
6. Discussion and Next Steps:
   a. Host School Report – Mr. Kissko visited Southwest school and found it to be a happy, busy place. The students were engaged in their lessons and proud to show off their beautiful school. He was introduced to the school mascot, Rockasaurus-Rex and learned that during the month of December, the custodian hides the mascot around the school and the students excitedly search for him. It’s a fun motivator for young children. Mr. Kissko also mentioned the beautiful showcase display for Veterans day done by the head custodian. It included military memorabilia.
   b. Communications: Donna Labbe has been in touch with the web designer and hope to have a proposal by Friday, December 7th, 2018.
   c. Publication Update: Magazines were distributed at Parent Teacher conferences. We received very positive responses. Families were very appreciative. We will be meeting again with Mr. Gaffen on December 18th, to discuss the next issue.
   d. Strategic plans: These are living documents, a work in progress. We will have an updated version for the Board by the end of year.
   e. Board Goal: Improving and Enhancing of Torrington High School (Facility and Academic Program). This is the focus of Secondary Ad Hoc Committee. At the December 13th meeting, deadlines for committee work will be discussed. In the
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meantime, administration is working on developing college and career pathways and a schedule to support this model.

f. New Course Proposals: The committee agreed to bring the following to the Board:
   Unified Physical Education
   Introduction to Engineering
   Sports Science

7. Comments for the Good of the Order: Congratulations to Ronnie Gelormino for an amazing drama production at Torrington High School last week. She Kills Monsters was a wonderful success.

8. Topics for Future Meetings:
   a. Lunch Program
   b. NEASC
   c. Website

9. Adjournment: Ms. Richardson made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Todor. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

10. Next meeting: January 2, 2019 @ 6pm – Migeon Avenue