Torrington Board of Education

School Improvement and Community Relations Committee
Wednesday, March 4, 2015
355 Migeon Avenue

MINUTES

Members Present: Mr. Kissko, Committee Chair; Mr. Hinman; Ms. Richardson
Also Present: Mr. Traub, Board Chair; Ms. Kloczko; Ms. Lubomski

1. Mr. Kissko called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll call was taken.

3. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Kissko, seconded by Ms. Richardson. Motion carried, all in favor.

4. NEASC: Mr. Baim presented information on the NEASC process and timeline. The staff has already begun preparations for the 2017 visit. It is not clear whether the visit will occur in the spring or fall of 2017.

5. Distinguished Alumni Award: Ms. Richardson presented two candidates. She questioned the criteria for the award. The committee would like to know the past honorees. The candidate should be determined by THS Awards Night. Ms. Kloczko said she had two other candidates to bring to the next meeting.

6. Marketing: Ms. Richardson discussed the importance of marketing and public relations. She wanted to make sure there was money in the budget for marketing and advertising the district. Ms. Kloczko said districtwide school events and activities are video taped and shown on Channel 5. Mr. Kissko suggested that the CAFTA students could video tape student activities. Ms. Kloczko said that parent and student surveys were being used at every site to gather data as well.

7. P.E. Credit for Other Physical Activity: The suggestion was made that P.E. credits be earned for physical activity completed outside of P.E. classes: dance classes, marching band, participation on sports teams, etc. Mr. Kissko suggested that students would have to petition in order to receive P.E. credit.

8. Comments for the Good of the Order: Ms. Richardson said it would be good to inform the public that there is a portion of the meeting that is open to public comment.

9. Topics for Future Meetings:
   a. Mr. Hinman expressed an interest in discussing school mascots.
   b. Mrs. Richardson stated she would like to continue the discussion of the Distinguished Alumni.
c. All members wanted to follow-up with a discussion on earning high school P.E. credit during other physical activity.

10. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kissko and seconded by Ms. Richardson. Motion carried, all in favor.

11. Meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.