**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, May 14, 2018**

The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, May 14, 2018, in the cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street, Bristol, RI. Chairperson, Paul Silva, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 PM.

Present: Paul Silva, Chairperson; Erin Schofield, Vice-Chairperson; William O’Dell, Secretary; Marjorie McBride, Treasurer; John Bento, Diana Campbell, Adam Ramos and John Saviano; Mario J. Andrade, Superintendent; Diane Sanna, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title 1; Leslie Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; and Pauline Silva, Director of Administration & Finance

Guests: Patricia Brissette, Bristol Warren Family Resource Center Coordinator and Emily Spence, Parents as Teachers Program Manager

Absent: Brian Bradshaw

**OPENING BUSINESS**

Chairperson Silva invited all to join in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairperson Silva welcomed all those who were present in the audience

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**AGENDA FOCUS**

*COZ Presentation*

Chairperson Silva asked Dr. Andrade to introduce the first presenter.

Dr. Andrade stated that it was his honor and privilege to introduce Ms. Brissette to share about the good work being done through the Bristol Warren Family Resource Center. Dr. Andrade stated that tonight’s presentation will be about celebration and partner recognition.

Mrs. Brissette thanked the School Committee members, administrators and families.

Mrs. Brissette invited Emily Spence to the podium to present about the Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program. Mrs. Brissette introduced Ms. Spence and shared about her role within the Bristol Warren Family Resource Center.

Ms. Spence thanked the School Committee for their time. Ms. Spence stated that she has been working with the PAT Program for 20 years. Ms. Spence commented that she is proud to be a part of the program and to share about how the PAT Program continues to grow and blossom to help families and children.

Ms. Spence shared statistics regarding PAT Program services.

Ms. Spence introduced the PAT Team members and shared each individual’s background.

Ms. Spence shared about the different facets and functions of the PAT Program.

Ms. Spence invited several families to come forward to share about how the PAT Program has supported and helped their families.

Mrs. Brissette thanked the PAT Program families for coming forward and sharing.

Mrs. Brissette talked about funding and funding sources. She spoke about the importance of community partners joining with the PAT and Child Opportunity Zone (COZ) programs.

Mrs. Brissette publicly recognized community partners and shared testimonials about each partner’s contribution to the PAT and COZ programs.

Mrs. Brissette publicly thanked the Administrators for their support and offered glowing compliments about each one’s character.

Mrs. Brissette introduced the Bristol Warren Family Resource Center team members and shared highlights about each.

On behalf of the School Committee, Chairperson Silva thanked Mrs. Brissette for her hard work as the Bristol Warren Family Resource Center Coordinator.

Dr. Andrade personally thanked Mrs. Brissette for all of her work.

*Elementary Literacy Programs Presentation*

Chairperson Silva asked Dr. Andrade to introduce Mary Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I.

Dr. Andrade shared a brief overview of Ms. Almeida’s presentation for this evening regarding the K-5 Calkins Writing Program.

Ms. Almeida thanked Dr. Andrade, the Administrators and the School Committee for the opportunity to speak.

Ms. Almeida stated that she will be talking about the K-5 Calkins Writing Initiative which is being utilized as part of Bristol Warren Regional School District’s Literacy Program.

Ms. Almeida shared the focus points of tonight’s presentation.

Ms. Almeida shared DuFour’s Guiding Questions and provided answers as it relates to student writing:

* What do we expect every student to know?
  + Desired Outcomes & Standards
* How will we know if they have learned it?
  + Assessment Evidence
* What will we do if they don’t know it?
  + Prescriptive Interventions
* What will we do if they already know it?
  + Enrich & Extend

Ms. Almeida expanded upon the following:

* Calkins Writing Program Goal
* Rationale for utilizing the Calkins Writing Program
* Background of Lucy Calkins, Calkins Writing Program Creator (shared a clip of Lucy Calkins speaking about the program)
* Calkins Reading & Writing Bill of Rights
* K-5 Calkins Writing Implementation Plan
* Writing Leadership Team
* Homegrown Summer Writing Institute 2016
* Calkins Units of Study for K-1 and 3-5
* Writer’s Workshop Model Pie Chart
* Writer’s Workshop Timeline
* Calkins Writing Assessments
* Calkins Rubric
* K-5 Calkins Writing Year III

Ms. Almeida shared a video clip of Dr. Natasha Axelson, Instruction Lead, who talked about coaching cycles.

Ms. Almeida shared a video clip of Lucy Calkin describing a Writer’s Workshop Mini-Lesson.

Ms. Almeida shared a clip of students during a “sharing out session”.

Ms. Almeida introduced Donna Celone, Rockwell School Grade 4 Teacher, who brought several students with her to share their work for the School Committee. Ms. Celone introduced the students who will be demonstrating “bringing history to life”. Ms. Celone described the Bringing History to Life Unit that her classroom took part in.

Each of the students were dressed as an historical character that they had chosen to research and shared their findings through reading a report they had prepared.

Ms. Almeida talked about using technology to support the Writer’s Workshop and shared a Flip Grid’s of a student testimonial about “small moments” which showcased a student who was a “reluctant writer in the beginning of the year to a writer with “SPARK!”

Ms. Almeida commented that she has provided samples of student work for the School Committee. She read one sample out loud.

Ms. Almeida commended the support staff, teachers and administration for their support of the Calkins Writing Program.

Chairperson Silva thanked Ms. Almedia for a very informative presentation.

**ACTION:**

1. *Approve the minutes of the April 23, 2018 Regular Business Meeting*

MOTION: Mr. Saviano made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2018 Regular Business Meeting; seconded by Mr. Bento.

The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT - 8:39 PM:**

MOTION: At 8:39 p.m., Mrs. McBride made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Bento.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. O’Dell, Secretary

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