

# Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union #52

## Board Meeting

Monday, December 28, 2020

Minutes

### **Present at the Meeting:**

Amy McMullen, Nicole Buck, Kris Garnjost, Scott Richardson, Elizabeth Burrows, Bill Yates, Mark Yuengling, Rebecca Roisman, Anne Redmond, Christine Bourne, Katie Ahern, Angie Ladeau, David Baker, and Katie Ahern.

### **Special Guest(s) :**

**Additional Attendees :** Heather Findlay, Heather Vonada, Katie Burke, Jessica Hathorn, and Molly Matteson.

**I. Call to Order by:** Amy McMullen @ 6:35 p.m.

### **II. Changes/Additions to the Agenda**

None

### **III. Public Comments not Related to the Agenda**

The question was raised about consideration for extending the school day, specifically for grades K-8. There is conversation amongst the Administrative team and COVID task force about extending the school day by 45 minutes - 1 hour per day, hopefully beginning at the start of Semester 2 on January 25. There is concern for staff around the real trauma suffered from the COVID-19 pandemic. There was consensus from the public and board that it is a real thing, and that all are mindful to support them all as best we can in the coming months. There was a question raised about how the day will be extended, and while the schedule is not final, the bulk of the time will be at the end of the day, and potentially there might be a few minutes added at the beginning of the day. The public has a firm wish that, while the pod structure has purpose, they don't want this to be considered an obstacle to being able to extend the day. Other schools are utilizing extended pod structures and they are not leading to any super spreading of COVID and also make way for students to be in the building 5 days/wk for full days. There are strong feelings amongst community members that they would really like to see students in school longer each day, and they don't want the pod system to impede the opportunity to extend the day. Community members provided some schools that are already utilizing a system that allows K-5 students in school full days, 5 days/wk.

#### **IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- a) November 23, 2020
- b) November 30, 2020
- c) December 14, 2020

Motion: Nicole Buck

2nd: Kris Garnjost

Vote: 9-0-0

#### **V. Anti-Racism Task Force**

The task force received a draft policy and procedures from Righting Wrongs, LLC. This group will meet at the end of this board meeting to set a meeting date to review the documents received.

#### **VI. COVID Update**

There were 3 COVID cases in the SU that we have had to respond to. They were community-based spread and not school spread. Angie Ladeau presented the remote learning survey results. Here are some of the highlights:

##### Families

198 responses, with a 5% duplication

Approx 30 students returning to IP instruction for Semester 2, starting January 25.

50% of families reported no IT issues during this time

49% of families reported the schedule was not hard

There was a better balance of screen time and non-screen time work, with room for a small improvement with even less screen time. 57.6% said good bal, and 30% need less screen time.

50.5% of families reported the week met their expectations.

57.6% of families reported this was much better than last spring.

86.4% of families reported that they felt supported during this time.

##### Staff

144 responses (45.1% content area teachers)

Staff mostly felt prepared to teach during this time.

Staff felt mostly the schedule worked out.

Staff felt that at least 50% of their students felt the schedule worked for them.

70% of staff felt they had the needed materials to teach during this time.

56% of staff felt this was better than last spring.

#### **VIII. Policy Review/Audit Cycle**

The VSBA has policies that the SU has never reviewed and/or adopted. The next step was for the Superintendent to work with his staff to review the VSBA website to create an overall review cycle. The best first step is comparing the SU adopted date to the VSBA date, to determine if they are the same. If they are different then they need to be reviewed by the SU board and re-adopted. The board will focus on policies from within the last 10 years. The

VSBA website has policies categorized as new, changed, etc so will make it easy to know where to focus work. Extensive policy review makes for good summer work, which some board members volunteered to take on, and can also be rolling cycle work for board meetings in small chunks.

Brief discussion amongst the board about continuing to discuss with town offices about strategies to coordinate for town meeting days. Trying to create uniformity amongst the town board and schools boards on how meetings will be held. Respective Town select boards have this item on their agendas in the coming weeks. Windsor has opted to go completely virtual for their meetings.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Motion: Nicole Buck

2nd: Scott Richardson

Vote: 9-0-0

Next Meeting Agenda: (1/25/21)

COVID-2nd Semester Plan

Policy Review

Antiracism Task Force

Contract Ratification 20/21