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GREENWICH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Strategic Plan Committee

March 31, 2021

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Virtual Meeting (using Zoom)

BoE Attendees:

- Karen Hirsh
- Karen Kowalski
- Peter Sherr
- Toni Jones

1. Call to Order and Agenda

Meeting was called to order and agenda reviewed by Mr. Sherr.

2. Minutes

Mr. Sherr reviewed status of draft minutes from prior meetings. Ms. Hirsh indicated she had not had the opportunity to review and it was agreed adoption of minutes would be postponed to the next meeting.

- Survey

Mr. Sherr presented the latest draft version of the Parent Community Survey. He highlighted the addition of questions about educational equity and reviewed comments from Jennifer Negrin, an opinion research expert and GPS parent volunteer.

Ms. Hirsh explained that she had researched “educational equity” surveys on the internet and found that most were developed for District’s with known educational equity problems. Mr. Sherr commented that he had found the same and GPS needed to first evaluate the hypothesis posed by Dr. Jones that there are substantial and systemic existing barriers to students accessing educational opportunities.

Ms. Hirsh reviewed twenty new survey questions she had presented to the committee. Questions were assessed for duplication in the existing draft survey. The Committee identified six proposed questions that needed further evaluation.

- I believe supports are provided for students who need extra help to achieve academic goals.
- I believe learning for all members of the school community is (or should be) challenging, motivating, and relevant.

- I believe all members of the school community are entitled to a safe, nurturing, respectful, and responsive learning environment.
  - How often does your child feel pressure to get good grades/do well on standardized tests?
  - How well do you feel your child's school is preparing him or her for the next academic year?
  - How well does this school support your child's social/emotional development?
- question areas particularly Dr. Jones interest in Educational Equity that needed further development.

Mr. Sherr asked Dr. Jones about progress to develop the Panorama Survey questions she had indicated at the last meeting was underway. Dr. Jones explained Jen Lau and the Superintendent were just starting. It was agreed Ms. Hirsh would participate on behalf of the BoE Strategy Committee in the Panorama Survey preparation to be certain questions regarding Family and Community Engagement were included and would be useful to our committee and the BoE.

### 3. Adjourn

Mr. Sherr proposed and members agreed next meeting would be at 9a.m. on April 5. Mr. Sherr adjourned the meeting.