

LYME-OLD LYME SCHOOLS

Regional School District #18

A Private School Experience



in a Public School Setting

Policy and Communications Committee Meeting

May 19, 2021

Committee Members Present: Martha Shoemaker, Policy Chair; Suzanne Thompson, Communications Chair; Diane Linderman

Administration Present: Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools

Others Present: Bridget Compagno, Director of Communications and Marketing

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Communications Update

The committee discussed the July 2021 edition of the *Focus on Education* newsletter and reviewed two past issues of *Focus* that are published during this timeframe. Suggestions for story inclusions were made including articles on the top graduates; photos of graduation; honoring retirees; the Trex benches; a letter from the Board Chair and Superintendent; outdoor classrooms; renovated playgrounds; and a photo montage of the various end of year activities.

Mrs. Compagno updated the committee on various initiatives she is working on including drone photos of spring sports; the recruitment of prospective students including international students; the end of year events occurring at all schools; and a high school student who is being highlighted in an upcoming article in *The Day*.

2. Policy Revision

Policy 6114.81 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness / Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies / Emergency Suspension of Policy During Pandemic

Mr. Neviaser referred to this policy which was put in place in April 2020 during the onset of the pandemic. Essentially this policy granted temporary powers to the superintendent of schools to address the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

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Mr. Neviasser noted that this policy hadn't been used over the past year and is no longer timely. The committee wordsmithed the policy so that it was more generic in nature and centered on emergencies in general (not just COVID-19 related). This policy will be brought before the full Board of Ed at their June 2 meeting for a first read.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.