

LYME-OLD LYME SCHOOLS

Regional School District #18

A Private School Experience



in a Public School Setting

Policy and Communications Committee Meeting

October 21, 2021

Committee Members Present: Martha Shoemaker, Policy Committee Chair; Suzanne Thompson, Communications Chair; Diane Linderman; Mary Powell St. Louis

Administration Present: Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools; Ron Turner, Director of Facilities and Technology

Others Present: Bridget Compagno, Director of Communications and Marketing

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Communications Update

Mrs. Compagno reported that despite best efforts to publicize the September 30 PreK to 8 Facilities Presentation, there were not a lot of community members present. Hearing that it is difficult for parents to attend night meetings, Mrs. Compagno suggested that the next presentation on November 17 be turned into a PowerPoint presentation that would be more explanatory in nature. In addition, the district can solicit feedback from parents at a time which is convenient to them. Follow-up on this subject included possible surveys and/or getting the PTO's involvement.

Mrs. Compagno reported that they are reverting back to four issues per year of the *Focus on Education* newsletter. The one additional issue would be published in the November/December timeframe. Some ideas Mrs. Compagno is considering for the upcoming issue include mental health during the pandemic and an article on alumni. She asked the committee members to email her with other possible ideas for the next edition.

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Review of Policy 1330 Use of School Facilities, Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Neviaser reviewed recommended changes to this policy which required updating with the opening of the new turf field and the need to establish cost and usage of this field.

Mr. Neviaser reviewed the recommended changes to the policy. The committee wordsmithed the policy and made several additional changes to the policy and the facilities usage form.

The committee discussed what to charge non-profit and for-profit groups for the use of the turf field. Mr. Neviaser reviewed what Old Saybrook, Waterford and East Lyme Public Schools charge for the use of their turf fields. There was consensus to charge non-profit groups \$250 per hour and for-profit groups \$500 per hour. There was also a suggestion to create a form that the renter must sign indicating that they know the rules of using the turf field and are responsible for any damages incurred to the field.

This policy will go before the Board of Education at their November 3 meeting.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.