

LYME-OLD LYME SCHOOLS

Regional School District #18

A Private School Experience



in a Public School Setting

Policy and Communications Committee Meeting

March 8, 2022

Committee Members Present: Jason Kemp, Policy Committee Chair; Suzanne Thompson, Communications Chair; Anna James; Martha Shoemaker; Steven Wilson

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.

Communications Update

Bridget Compagno, Director of Communications and Marketing, distributed the latest edition of the Spring 2022 Focus on Education newsletter, the subject of which is the proposed 2022-2023 budget. The next edition of the newsletter will be June 2022 and highlights will include the high school graduation.

Mrs. Compagno reported that her previous suggestion to form focus groups relative to the PreK-5 Facilities Study might not come to fruition pending the Board of Education's decision-making.

Mrs. Compagno reported on various projects she is working on: new video footage of the district for the website. New photography will also be taken as the majority of the photos now on the website depict students wearing masks. The school newsletters will begin showcasing teachers to add a little personality to the publications. In the area of social media, Mrs. Compagno is hoping to expand more student involvement and videos and moving from less controversial subjects (masks).

Policy Update

The committee continued to wordsmith Policy 6144 *Controversial Issues*. Some verbiage from the Connecticut Associations of Boards of Education's (CABE) sample policies were incorporated into the current policy after lengthy discussion on the subject. This policy will be brought to the Board of Education for a first reading at their April 6, 2022 meeting.

Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools

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