

LYME-OLD LYME SCHOOLS

Regional School District #18

A Private School Experience



in a Public School Setting

Policy and Communications Committee Meeting

April 25, 2023

Committee Members Present: Jason Kemp, Policy Committee Chair; Suzanne Thompson, Communications Committee 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 reported that the budget referendum vote takes place on May 2. Advertising of this vote will appear on social media posts, the budget edition of the *Focus on Education* newsletter and the district website.

Mrs. Compagno reported on the articles that will be included in the summer edition of *Focus on Education*. The main focus will be on graduation.

Mrs. Compagno has been tasked with finding families who would be interested in hosting three students from China who will be attending Lyme-Old Lyme High School during the 2023-2024 school year through Aces International. Currently, there is a lack of interest from the community in hosting these students. Mrs. Compagno is meeting with representatives from Aces this week to glean more information on these students and their interests, etc., in order to find a good match with a host family. She is also working on a flyer to publicize the need. Follow-up discussion centered on best ways to get the word out about the need for host families.

Policy Update

Mr. Neviaser reviewed changes to Policy 6162.51 *Student Surveys* as recommended by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) which essentially removed language referencing the *No Child Left Behind Act*.

Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools

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Mr. Neviaser reviewed changes to Policy 5125 *Students Records and Confidentiality* also recommended by CAFE. The change included additional wording to be added to the policy on the rights of a parent who is incarcerated and their entitlement to knowledge of and access to records of a minor student.

There was consensus to go forward with these changes and bring the revised policies to the Board at their May meeting for approval.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.