LYME-OLD LYME SCHOOLS

Regional School District #18

A Private School Experience ***in a Public School Setting***

Policy and Communications Committee Meeting
October 13, 2026

Committee Members Present: Gavin Lodge, Communications Committee Chair; Jason Kemp; Marianne DeBruyn

Administration Present: Ian Neviaser, Superintendent of Schools

Others Present: Bridget Compagno, Director of Communications and Marketing

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Neviaser presented data from the ParentSquare Monthly Communications Review for September. This data highlights the district's strong communication reach and effectiveness in keeping families informed. The district ranked 1st out of 101 similarly sized school districts, with 100% of parents receiving communications.

Communications Update:
Mrs. Compagno is finalizing the annual report summary distributed by the Town of Old Lyme, which includes SAT results, Teacher of the Year, Employee of the Year, and other district highlights. The Focus on Education magazine is also in progress, with completion expected in November. Social media ideas continue to be explored to keep parents and the community informed and engaged. The possibility of sharing school information through local newspapers was also discussed.

Policy Update:
Mr. Neviaser reviewed Policy 5114, Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, and noted the need for a few legal updates. After discussion, the committee agreed to forward the policy to the BOE for approval.

Mr. Neviaser reviewed the current Policy 5117 School Attendance Areas, which was last revised in April 2012. Mr. Neviaser discussed the need to update the policy to allow flexibility in adjusting enrollment zones to meet the changing needs of the regional school district, which are reviewed annually. After discussion, the committee agreed to forward the policy to the BOE for approval.

Mr. Neviaser provided an update on the screen time data collection. Teachers will complete a survey as the next step, with parent input to be gathered at a later date.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.