



Board of Education School and Community Relations Committee

December 15, 2022

Time 3:45-4:45 p.m.

(Minutes from 12/15/22 meeting)

Board of Education Room

1. Framing the work

- a. Review and approval of agenda

The Committee convened at 3:50pm with Tracy Baron and Penny Sullivan-Nunes present. The agenda was approved by all members

2. Action Items

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- a. State of the District Preparation

- i. Proposed date - *The forum will be scheduled for the week of January 23, 2023 in the MS/HS auditorium.*

- ii. ThoughtExchange to Gather Feedback Prior to the Forum - *The committee discussed the pros and cons of issuing a ThoughtExchange as the right tool for gathering information from staff, parents, community, and students regarding perceptions of what was going well in the District and what are some areas that need to be considered for improvement. Additional tools will be explored and the administrative team will meet again next week to discuss. The goal is to seek this information during the period of January 5- January 12.*

1. Future topics for forums - *The Committee will discuss options for specific forums for February and March after the State of the District forum.*

- b. Holiday video message preparation - *The Superintendent will be sending out a holiday video message prior to the vacation with a look ahead to events that will be happening after the break. The State of the District Forum will be noted as will the information gathering plan.*

3. Other Topics Addressed:

- a. *Advocacy for the reintroduction of free meals for all students - The Committee discussed advocacy by the district via the Westchester/Putnam School Boards Association. All agreed that given the many benefits to our students and families that this is something that we should continue to engage with.*

- i. *In the meantime, administration will remind families to sign up for Free or*

- i. *Reduced meals as our participation numbers are down this year.*

- b. *Challenge Success - This program was funded in the original ARP federal funds grant, but the money is no longer available as it was used for additional staffing for the year.*

- c. *District Communications - The availability of Spanish translation should be noted, in Spanish, at the top of all school and District communications.*

4. **Next meeting Date**

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- a. *The next meeting will be scheduled after the State of the District presentation to plan for the next targeted forum.*

4. **Adjourn**

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The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm