

Communications and Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes April 10, 2019

Attendees: Karen Moran, Chair; Board members Kate Howard-Bender and Jane Pasini
Dr. Walter Willett, Superintendent

Meeting called to order by Karen Moran at 6:05pm

2019-20 District Calendar

The calendar will be discussed at the 4/10 BOE meeting regarding changes and updates. It will be circulated via the Superintendent bulletin and meeting minutes.

Last day of school/Graduation dates

The last day of school for 2018-19 is June 13th. THS graduation will be June 13th. TMS promotion ceremony will be June 12th. Location for Tolland Project Graduation safe celebration for seniors has not been announced yet.

Birch Grove Update

Location of the portables is still being considered, but the decision is being narrowed. Information will continue to be communicated about details. Dr. Willett had another BG update on Monday, 4/8/19.

Teacher Recognition

Mr. Keithan, our BGP PE teacher, has been nominated to win a cruise as part of a Norwegian Cruise Line contest. He currently has 180 votes. Here is the link for voting: [Voting continues through Friday, 4/12/19 at midnight. You can only vote once.](#)

Other business

Ms. Moran offered her suggested updates to Dr. Willett's superintendent's bulletin format.

Parent Teacher Organizations

Ms. Moran attended the TMS PTO meeting on Tuesday, 4/9/19 and learned of the lack of parent involvement at this level and the struggle of not only this PTO, but others in town, as well. The committee suggested doing a submission to the Superintendent's bulletin about encouraging parents to get involved, the value of our PTO's for the school system, etc. How can we help? What is the future of PTO's? Ms. Moran will create a Call to Action for the TMS PTO to try and start there with some outreach. The committee talked about other ideas to help such as an orientation/planning session for interested parent volunteers for all PTO's maybe in May sometime before the end of the school year. The committee will continue to deliberate on other ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm by Karen Moran, Vice Chair