

TOLLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
Communications and Outreach Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2019

Members in attendance: Karen Moran, Chair; Kate Howard-Bender; Jane Pasini
Administrators in attendance: Dr. Walter Willett, Superintendent

Karen Moran called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Agenda Items:

State of the Schools

This was an annual event that took place years ago (last one in 2011). It typically occurred in March and was used as part of the budget process. The committee discussed a different approach - possibly using as part of Dr. Willett's Community Workshops offerings. We don't have a town paper, we don't have a way to engage the community in our schools other than the town e-blast and that can be limiting. People who do not have children in the schools do not have a way to learn about them; and the digital backpack is limited to school parents, although anyone can sign up to receive it. The committee felt this would be another way to engage parents and the greater community in what is going on in all of our schools. Thursday, March 19th was discussed as a possible date.

Municipal Budgeting

The committee discussed another possible workshop opportunity in educating the community on how municipal budgeting works. Also discussed was the opportunity this could give in engaging the new town manager in partnership with the Superintendent.

Strategic Prevention Framework efforts

As one of the Board of Education's goals, we will continue to assemble the group that has come together to get this effort started. With the summer months being a difficult time for scheduling, Ms. Moran discussed efforts to plan for the next meeting.

Other business

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm by Karen Moran, Chair.