



Education Committee - Board of Representatives

Mary Savage, Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2014
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888
Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Education Committee met with the Student Advisory Council at the above date and time. Present were: Chair Savage and Committee Member Reps. Cerasoli, Di Costanzo, Kolenberg, Nabel, Quinones and Velishka. There were eleven Student Members of the Council also present. Absent were Committee Member Reps. Buckman and Wallace. Also present: Reps. Adams and McGarry; Superintendent Winnie Hamilton, Wayne Holland, Mary Jennings, Tamu Lucero and Michael Meyers, Stamford Public Schools.

Chair Savage called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. E29.007	MEETING; monthly meeting of the Student Advisory Council (SAC) 03/04/14 – Submitted by Rep. Savage	Report Made

After reading the Mission Statement, the two student facilitators took their positions and proceeded with the Agenda. The topics for discussion were Learning Disconnect, Lack of Academic Engagement, Positive Learning Environment and Respective Culture. Notes were recorded by the student recorder. Mention was made, and an invitation was extended, to the students for the Joint Public Hearing on the Budget on Thursday, March 27, 2014. Copies of the signed Code of Conduct were collected.

The topic for next month's meeting will be preparing for college. Two students volunteered to be facilitators. Next month's meeting will be Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

2. E29.008 REVIEW; Current Pre-Kindergarten services offered **Report Made**
in Stamford (7:00 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Chair Savage. After introductions by the Stamford public schools team, Dr. Hamilton began the discussion with a review of what opportunities are in place for Pre-school students in Stamford. She outlined what is in place for potential struggling students, for handicapped students and for all students. Data indicates that 300 children were identified this year as having handicaps so severe as to require their receiving educational services as provided by the Stamford Public Schools. As required by law, six months before a child reaches the age of three, SPS Staff must meet with parents and referring parties to see what can be offered to a child with a handicap. There is a waiting list for non-handicapped students as well. The APPLES Program at Rippowam School was discussed. In September, two all-day Pre-kindergarten classes will be offered at Roxbury and Davenport Ridge Schools. More classes are needed.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary M. Savage, Chair

This meeting is on Video - [Part 1- SAC](#) and [Part 2](#).