



Education Committee - Board of Representatives

Diane Lutz, Chair

Megan Cottrell, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, June 18, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Education Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Lutz, and Committee Member Reps. Aquila, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo and Jacobson. Absent or excused were Vice-Chair Cottrell and Rep. Stella. Also in attendance was Dr. Lucero and Rep. Lion.

Chair Lutz called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. E30.009	REVIEW; Student Advisory Council 2017-18. Topics: SUPER and Connection Time (at 6:00 p.m.) 01/03/18 – Submitted by Rep. Lutz	Report Made

SAC Member Seth discussed the formation of SUPER (Student Union for Political Expression and Representation). Each high school will have three representatives, one senior, one junior, one any grade, to be elected by students. Its goal is to serve as a platform for students to have their voices heard, and culminate action, with a focus on political issues. It is currently in the formation stage. It needs to be nonpartisan. To be effective, it is important to gain legitimacy as a group. The official launch will be in the 2018-2019 school year.

The Committee did not discuss Connection time due to the unavailability of an expected visitor to the meeting, and also the item was discussed at the last SAC meeting.

The committee recessed from 6:30 pm until 7:02 p.m.

2. E30.013	REVIEW; Board of Education update from Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Tamu Lucero (at 7:00 p.m.) 04/04/18 – Submitted by Rep. Lutz 04/16/18 – Held in Committee	Report Made
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Dr. Lucero stated she would like to come regularly to the BOR Education Committee meetings to give the representatives updates. She discussed the BOE reorganization. The purpose of the reorganization is to separate the operational and the instructional sides of Stamford Public Schools. Dr. Lucero discussed the SPS vision of “mind, body, heart” development. It was discussed that public relation strategies are needed to get the word out about all the good things going on within the schools, to combat the negativity because people often do not have the right information. Dr. Lucero plans to develop “one-pagers” for the community that list short facts about the schools. The Education committee will come up with a list of topics that Dr. Lucero can address each time she meets with the Committee.

- ³3. [E30.011](#) REVIEW; School Liaison Assignments Mission and Objectives- Plans and Goals. (at 7:00 p.m.) **Report Made**
02/07/18 – Submitted by Rep. Lutz
02/15/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee
04/09/18 – Moved to Pending

Chair Lutz discussed the school liaison mission statement and objectives, which echo, and are supportive of, the Stamford Public Schools mission statement. The committee discussed the representatives’ school assignments, and how these new roles will work. The roles will serve as a bridge between the community and the schools. It was suggested that some sort of central repository be set up so the representatives can log in issues to the BOE. Dr. Lucero discussed the School Governance Council is. It is a voice to share leadership among schools, community and parents, but seats often remain vacant. She will get a list of Council contacts to the Board of Representatives.

4. E30.015 REVIEW; School bus operations with respect to safety, overcrowding, and length of travel. (at 7:00 p.m.) **Held**
05/11/18 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz

A motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Lutz, Aquila, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Jacobson and Lion in favor).

Chair Lutz adjourned the meeting at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lutz, Chair

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