



Education Committee - Board of Representatives

Diane Lutz, Chair

Megan Cottrell, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, December 18, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Education Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Lutz, Vice Chair Cottrell and Committee Member Reps. Aquila, Di Costanzo, Jacobson and Stella. Absent or excused were Reps. de la Cruz and Moore. Also present were Rep. Roqueta and Earl Kim, Superintendent of Schools.

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

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. E30.002	REVIEW; Discussion of the Stamford Public Schools approved Strategic Plan and the role of the Board of Representatives. 12/06/17 – Submitted by Rep. Lutz and President Quinones	Report Made

Mr. Kim provided some background on the schools:

- The District consists of 16,000 students in 21 schools
- Based on projections, the District is short approximately 25 elementary classrooms
- The District has a highly qualified teaching staff, strong school communities and a number of magnet schools
- There are many positives about the schools
- Test scores are not indicative of proficiency or competence because more than 13% are ELLs who have been in the country for less than 2 years and are taking the tests in English and 5 times that number who have been here less than 7 years
- The graduation rate for high needs students is 72%, compared to 63% in the State

He explained that the Strategic Plan was developed over 8 months, with a 20 person Steering Committee and 300 people on the Advisory Committee

- The framework for the plan is vision; mission; values and goals
- The plan is designed to provide the best possible education for every student in school to be successful

- An outside firm put together a “District Quality Plan”
- The plan is a 5 year look, but will be refreshed every year
- The Vision is: The Stamford Public Schools will be a learning organization that continuously improves its effective, innovative and transformational teaching and learning. We will challenge, inspire and prepare all students to be productive, contributing members of society
- The Mission is: The mission of the Stamford Public Schools is to provide an education that cultivates productive habits of mind, body and heart in every student.
- This will require changes in curriculum and teaching styles
- The District will develop a communications plan and will do a roll out in January
- Each school also has its own strategic plan, based upon where it is now
- The role of the Board of Representatives is to be informed about what the schools are doing

2. E30.005 REVIEW; Provisions for Pedestrian Safety Around **Held 5-0-0**
 Stamford Public Schools.
 12/06/17 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz

Due to the unavailability of the invited guests, a motion to hold this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 5-0-0 (Reps. Lutz, Cottrell, Aquila, Di Costanzo, Jacobson and Stella in favor).

3. E30.004 REVIEW; Continuation of the Student Advisory **Report Made**
 Council meetings in accordance with [Resolution No. 3609](#).
 12/06/17 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz

The Committee discussed whether or not to continue this program. The sense of the committee was that it should be continued.

Chair Lutz adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Diane Lutz, Chair

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