



## ***Education Committee - Board of Representatives***

Diane Lutz, Chair

Megan Cottrell, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Monday, March 19, 2018  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> 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, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Jacobson and Stella. Absent or excused was Rep. DeLuca. Also present were Rep. Lion; Davis Mannis and Tamu Lucero, Stamford Board of Education; and two members of the Student Advisory Council.

Chair Lutz called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. E30.009	REVIEW; Student Advisory Council 2017-18. Topic: "Connection Time." (at 6:00 p.m.) 01/03/18 – Submitted by Rep. Lutz <b>01/29/18 – Held in Committee</b>	<b>REPORT MADE</b>

The topic for tonight's meeting was Connection Time. The program differs from school to school. At AITE there is no set curriculum or structure and often ends up being a study hall. At Stamford High School the curriculum is geared toward the needs of students in the particular grade, e.g. organizational skills for first year students; seniors may act as mentors for younger students. A student advisory council member suggested that AITE should have more focus on the transition; sophomores and juniors should have SAT preparation and then college application preparation. AITE has fewer student organizations to lead this. The Committee will request the guidelines for this program from the Board of Education. The Middle Schools have a 20 minute program after lunch called "Advisory." It is useful to have this flexible time to study, visit guidance counselors, etc. Teachers feel this cuts into teaching time. The peer-to-peer guidance is effective. The students will provide the Committee with a report on ideas to improve the program.

The committee recessed at 6:50 p.m. until 7:03 p.m.

2. E30.011	REVIEW; School Liaison Assignments Mission and Objectives- Plans and Goals. (at 7:00 p.m.) 02/07/18 – Submitted by Rep. Lutz <b>02/15/18 – Report Made &amp; Held in Committee</b>	<b>REPORT MADE</b>
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Mr. Mannis and Dr. Lucero discussed the following with the Committee:

- Chair Lutz read the following as the mission of the Committee: "to support the academic community, students, parents, teachers and Board of Education in

- their pursuit of providing, receiving an education that promotes the Stamford Public Schools' mission to cultivate productive habits of mind, body and heart.”
- The Committee will accomplish this through areas not within the responsibilities of the Board of Education
  - The Committee's review of the activities of the Board of Education, input and reaching out to BOE is fine
  - It is helpful to have the BOR focus on items that the BOE can't focus on, e.g. safe routes to school
  - Ms. Lucero will give updates on the strategic plan if she is available
  - They will need to discuss the interface with between the liaisons and the schools further.

***As a Secondary Committee:***

1. PS30.006      REVIEW; Measures in place or in development to minimize the risk of firearms and shootings on school grounds.  
02/20/18 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz

Chair Lutz adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Lutz, Chair

This meeting is on Video ([Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#))