



Education Committee - Board of Representatives

Diane Lutz, Chair

Megan Cottrell, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, August 20, 2018
Time: 5:30 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 Vice-Chair Cottrell, Committee Member Reps., de la Cruz, Di Costanzo and Graziosi. Absent or excused were Aquila and Rep. Stella. Also in attendance: J. Perrotta, Security Manager for Board of Education; Alexa Eisenberg, Community Liason and Rep. Lion.

Chair Lutz called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. E30.005	REVIEW; Provisions for Pedestrian Safety Around Stamford Public Schools. 12/06/17 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz 12/18/17 – Held In Committee 5-0-0 01/29/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee 02/15/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee 03/12/18 – Moved to Pending 04/16/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee 05/14/18 – Moved to Pending 07/30/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee	Report Made and Held

Mr. Perrotta and the committee discussed the following:

- Process of requests for crossing guards
 - Police Dept. makes final decision
 - Requests come from parents, teachers, administration, etc....
 - No requests have been granted in a few years
 - Presently 95 crossing guards
 - Crossing guards are from the Police Department budget
- It was confirmed that there is a map/route to school available for each school
- A committee to be formed to discuss and survey each school to identify safe routes to schools
- The committee has a draft survey they would like to send out to parents and will send the draft survey to the Board of Education.
 - Survey parents to determine what's needed for to be able to have children walk to school

¹2. E30.017 REVIEW; Stamford Public Schools Recycling initiatives.
05/14/18 – Submitted by Rep. Lutz
06/11/18 – Moved to Pending

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Ms. Eisenberg and Mr. Colleluori discussed the following with the Committee:

- 3.5% increase poundage from Newfield School from the pilot program
- 50.8% increase in recycling at Dolan Middle School
- Recycling actually cost the city money now so looking into reducing actual waste
- Reached out to Chartwells (food service for schools) for reducing waste
 - Program called Waste Nots and will institute to middle and high schools
- A Grant funded employee for the recycling department are looking into ways to reduce waste
 - Share tables (Food that was found to be wasted to be put on tables and only take if you want...Fruit, Milk, etc....)
- Compost machines has been considered (more expensive)
- New product called PourAway to be introduced to reduce waste
- Stamford did have a compost station but it was closed due to possible water contamination
- New custodian manager will look at schools with productive recycling programs in early school year and come up with a plan by January to introduce to other schools
- Committee would like to look into a recycling rewards program for schools to help reduce waste and school with highest scores will receive a possible bonus

The committee will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Cottrell adjourned the meeting at 6:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lutz, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

¹ Video time stamp 00:28:00 Item # 2 Recycling