

School Board Minutes August 14, 2018

Retreat 4-6 pm at Portsmouth Middle School

Administration and school board members worked on the 2018-2019 goals. Discussions in small groups are generated around the following goals: equity, communication, TQP work communicated, Increase enrichment In STEAM, plan for final phase of major facilities upgrade, energy efficiency, sustainability practices, school gardens, farm to school, and world language at elementary level.

Large group conversation included the following topics

1. Access to the opportunity fund- make it streamlined.
2. Communication of goals to all members of the community and schools- plan needs to be developed for seamless messages.
3. Better access to post secondary schools and college counseling early on.
4. Family partnerships development- at all grades
5. Pre school initiative
6. Equity policy finished and approved

Meeting adjourned with with reminder that administrators would continue the work at their meeting.

Official School Board meeting- City Hall 7pm

1. No public comment
2. No special presentations
3. Invitation to new teacher reception with 26 new teachers on September 11th at 6:30 pm
4. Steve Bartlett report on Dondero- Dondero is moving along- on the 27th they should have the occupancy permit- 31st move in with custodians helping over the weekend. On the 28th and 29th kitchen will have palatial occupancy- Steve complimented Kenny for all his hard work.
5. New franklin is getting a new oven.
6. Safety measures- still waiting for funding for high school swipe system and other upgrades- new Franklin is waiting on funding that is an 80/20 match. If funding comes throughout will it will be an 80 / 20 match so they will be looking for funding.
7. Maker space in tech ed is almost done
8. Playground has a decking issue and it has been hard to find qualified playground experts to fix it.
9. Description for the Preschool family outreach specialist job description. This job will be posted the week of August 20th
10. Approved Steve's Contract with a comment about how much they appreciated his hard work.
11. Policy update - data records retention and non-educational questionnaires, surveys and research. Second reading and both were approved.
12. Meeting adjourned with a note that Sophia Pappas would be replacing Andrew Rogers as student representative.