

# WATERBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Group/Team:</b>	Virtual School Governance Council		
<b>Location:</b>	Google Meet	<b>Norms Reviewed:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	01/26/2022	<b>Start Time:</b>	12:30 PM
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	LAURA CACERES	<b>Finish Time:</b>	1:30 PM

### Attendance at Meeting (list all team members present or not and guests)

Name	Position	Signature	
1	Peter McCasland	Principal	Present
2	Laura Caceres	Parent Liaison	Present
3	Andrea Torres	Teacher	Not in attendance
4	Alison Finley	Teacher	Not in attendance
5	Tammon Margosian	Teacher	Not in attendance
6	Tom Haines	Teacher	Present
7	Melinda Grove	Teacher	Not in attendance
8	Natalie Fagerlund	School Counselor	Present
9	Lauren Steffero	Parent	Not in attendance
10	Evelyn Santiago	Parent	Not in attendance
11	Catrenia Forbes	Parent	Not in attendance
12	Joseph Thompson	Parent	Not in attendance
13	Nayare Rivera	Parent	Not in attendance
14	Margaret Moriarity	Social Worker	Present
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### Purpose of Meeting – Instructional Focus:

To discuss action team and its goals, activities and responsibilities.

### Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

- Mr. McCasland reviewed the new hybrid school schedule assigned by the district. At this time, we do not have a time frame for how long this will continue. Parents are asked to continue checking ParentSquare for updates. Students will continue to have academic classes in school and electives in the afternoon at home. Today is the first day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period.
- We will have a retired teacher from Newtown joining our West Side faculty beginning next week. She will be filling a 6<sup>th</sup> grade vacancy.

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- Commissioners Network mid-year audit, the Connecticut State Department of Education, along with doing bi-weekly walk throughs, will conduct a 2 part follow up. The first being interviews and the Teacher and Student survey and collect the data. The second being February 10<sup>th</sup> they will conduct classroom walkthroughs. West Side is assessed in the T.A.C.O. standards ( Talent, Academics, Culture, Climate and Operations) Talent is the quality and caliber of the teachers, Administrators and support staff. Academic being the rigors of the Tier 1 strategies, Culture and Climate are PBIS, and Operations being instructional time.
- The Republican American featured an article of one of our 7<sup>th</sup> graders that wrote a letter to Michelle Obama.
- The Junior National Society Induction was set to begin during December/January, however, due to the Covid positivity rate, it has been postponed until April. There are 27 students that fit the criteria for entrance. JNS is only open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with a concentration on Community Service.
- Mrs. Erin Holmes came up with our newest Kindness Campaign, which is a Teddy Bear Campaign. With the assistance of Mrs. Beierle and Mrs. Ouellette, our Family and Consumer Science teachers, and other staff members volunteering their time to sewing, we will be making Teddy Bears and donating them to our local Fire Department (Engine 8 and Engine 11) to donate to children that have experienced a horrific event.
- We are looking to tentatively hold an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Dance. More information to follow.
- West Side is also tentatively hoping to partner with Kennedy High School for a grand Community Day event in the late Spring. Updates will be provided at a later date.
- We are proud to announce that D'Amelio's Restaurant and Noochie's Deli will be joining our School Governance Council as Community Members.

Next Steps (Include action items)			
Action	Assigned to	Due Date	

  

Next Meeting					
<b>Date:</b>	03/30/2022	<b>Time:</b>	12:30 PM	<b>Location:</b>	Google Meet
<b>Agenda:</b>					

**Meeting Minutes guidelines:**

- Publish Minutes within 48 hours of any meeting
- Minutes available to all stakeholders (e.g., binders, shared drive, e-mail, website)
- Send Minutes via email to all team members