Minutes of Systemwide PTAC 2-10-14

PBIS-Positive Behavioral Intervention Support. This program started at the HS level this year. There were questions about what it actually is and where is its place with regards to Advisory and Health classes at the HS.

K-2 schools use responsive classroom. This program is about instilling intrinsic motivation. This program will be in all elementary schools next year.

MS will be starting Advisory groups next year.

Regional school calendar-All school district calendars will be regionalized by 2015-16 school year. Regions are based on RESCS. Our RESC is ACES. There will be common components of the calendars but will allow some flexibility for individual district need.

Prayers for Connor-posters containing the word prayer or pray were removed and replaced at Sheehan to show support for a Sheehan student who is ill.

BYOD-a committee will be formed in early March to continue investigating this initiative. Bandwidth needed to support devices at our schools was increased.

Parent Ambassadors-What could this program look like here in Wallingford? Visions of a Welcome Wagon of sorts were discussed. A Shadow Day for prospective students could occur in Spring and Fall.

What is PTAC? The group continued its discussion of re-branding PTAC. There seems to be a feeling that principals feel negativity towards it.

Meetings are scheduled at times when parents cannot attend. It appears to be an exclusive group.

Moran has been offering monthly parent coffees that are topical in nature. IE chromebooks, SBAC. Possibly other schools could do this and maybe HS PTACS could meet jointly once a year.

The group would like this item kept on the agenda for future meetings.

Bus safety concerns-a discussion was started about cameras on buses be placed outside of buses to watch for motorists who do not obey traffic rules around bus activity. Who would handle this? The group wants this to remain on the agenda, as well.

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