

# *Commack Middle School*

## **School-Based Management Team**

### *Meeting Minutes*

#### *Members and Membership Groups*

*April 11, 2018*

<i>Administration</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Teaching Staff</i>
Anthony Davidson	Vicki Ragavanis	Ed Cuff
Ali Glassman	Jill Breslin	Randie Taylor ++
	Laurie Schoenfeld	Susan Boyce *
		Mary Nerko
<i>CTA</i>	<i>Support Staff</i>	Ann Marie Ferreri
Carolyn Burton-Gajda	Veronica Plotke	

++ Facilitator

\*Absent

### **Introduction**

- Meeting began at 3:03 pm.

### **Adoption of Minutes from February 7<sup>th</sup> 2018**

- **March meeting was cancelled due to a snow day.**
- The minutes from the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting were adopted.

### **Decisioning Minutes were displayed on the eBoard**

- The minutes from the February 7, 2018 meeting were adopted.

### **Old Business**

#### Change in end-of-year schedule:

- We are still looking into changes for our end-of-year events, specifically Wildcat Awards and field day assemblies.

#### LGBTQ

- Pride club moving along, and continues to be well-received.
- The club advisors are Randie Taylor, Christina Hirth, and Leslie Kaplan.
- Health classes worked on being an UPSTANDER the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Bully Barriers in 8<sup>th</sup> grade health classes
- New Pride Club bulletin board.
  - Reading lists from the library
  - Poster
  - Goals
  - Being an UPSTANDER
- Some LGBTQ members will be participation in the April 27<sup>th</sup> day of silence. Participants will not speak for the entire day.
  - Teachers will be informed and have a card explaining why they will remain silent.
  - Sign-up will be outside lunch room.
  - The high school also participates in the day of silence.
- Discussion to have the kids support one another in an end of the day moment of silence.
- Group “SCREAM” after being quiet all day.
- Next steps for supporting friends.

## **New Business:**

### **Team eBoards:**

- A parent had asked an SBMT member if the team eBoards are required by teachers to be updated. Discussion on the teachers being required to use them.
- No standard. Seems teachers are pretty honest about use.
- New eBoard system is being rolled out April 17<sup>th</sup>, supposed to be much easier to use.
- Discussed expectations for parents, teachers, children to be responsible.
- Talked about possible requirement since this has come up before regarding use of eBoards.

### **Wi-Fi:**

- Security!
- Simple way to call for help, or locate children/staff throughout the building.
- There was a discussion about the safety committee being aware of the Wi-Fi issue and is trying to resolve it.
- We discussed the phones in the classrooms and security measures already in place.
- Managing the children who use phones, rules for when and where they are allowed to use them and how difficult that can be.
- Teachers cannot get signal either, the technology that we currently have available in the building is not up to par.
- The District Technology Committee is currently researching our K-12 technology needs for the future to ensure that our students remain current with technology and practices.
- Wi-Fi and its importance will be brought up at the next security meeting.

### **Team Supply Lists/Lockers/Backpacks:**

- An updated supply list has been organized by Teams for next year.
- Teams have organized 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade transition night list.
- Mrs. Lipenholtz is overseeing the team representatives for their compiled lists.
- Brochure from a chiropractor to help parents and children understand the importance of locker use and why the “old” rule was in effect.
- Campaign for all the parents to understand its effect on children’s health.

### **Awards:**

#### **Everyday Hero Award**

- Honor a member of the Commack community, a student who has overcome something great.
- Discussed last year’s winner, Glen the head custodian who is hearing impaired.
- SBMT will get a list of nominations, come up with who should receive the award.

#### **Wildcat Award**

- Students will get a form in ELA class (week of April 23<sup>rd</sup>) to nominate other students.
- Guidance gets the letters, discusses them, and the decision is voted on in SBMT meeting.

## **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

*Respectfully submitted by Jill Breslin*