

# *Commack Middle School*

## **School-Based Management Team**

### *Meeting Minutes*

#### *Members and Membership Groups*

*February 7, 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 January 3, 2018**

- The minutes from the January 3, 2018 meeting were adopted.

### **Old Business**

#### **Backpacks:**

- Supply lists will be revised through individual team discussion and modification based upon the needs of the team teachers and students.
- Mr. Davidson reported that communication with Burr and Sawmill administration revealed that they do provide locker-opening and visiting experiences for students.
- There was a discussion of whether or not students of this generation have interest and need for using their lockers.
- As a building, we will work with students on organization and management of their materials through locker cleanout and team teacher review of new supply lists; and individual team procedure for how to organize their materials and where to keep their backpacks in the classroom.
- Discussion of the possibility of installing hooks in high-traffic classrooms as a way to keep backpacks out of the way.
- The new backpack rule and supply list procedures will be shared with students and parents beginning this spring at 5th-6th grade transition night.

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

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

### **Vaping:**

- There was a police presentation to inform the community about the subject on the night of February 6, 2018.
- Police presentations will be held during the week of February 6<sup>th</sup> in all middle school health classes.
- Andrea Allen is working with members of the middle school staff to provide information regarding vaping.
- The school is in the process of educating all staff about the vaping epidemic.
- There are preventative measures and serious consequences for violating the vaping rules that are currently in place at the middle school.
- Student behavioral expectations are clearly presented to students when classes begin in September, and they are reinforced frequently for the duration of the year.
- The building is looking into the possibility of educating students, staff, and parents through a presentation provided by a Suffolk County Board of Health representative.
- There was a suggestion to possibly broadcast presentations on the Commack School District website.

### **LGBTQ**

- The first meeting of the PRIDE Club was held on Monday, February 5, 2018. The meeting was well-attended with an initial 25 members.
- The club advisors are Randie Taylor, Christina Hirth and Leslie Kaplan.
- The leadership committee for the club was put into place.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade student council representatives informed students of the new club through homeroom presentations that were well-received overall.
- There was a discussion of how to handle negative comments about the club in the future. There will be a zero-tolerance policy regarding negativity of any kind.
- There is a conference call with Maggie Birch, a representative of the LGBTQ Network, scheduled for February 9, 2018. The purpose of the conference will be to gain information on how to move forward with the club and the dissemination of information in the school.

### **New Business:**

#### **Chromebooks:**

- There was a discussion about the possibility of purchasing new Chromebooks for student use.
- We discussed the technology that we currently have available in the building, and the district decision to switch from Google to Microsoft-in-Education.
- 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.
- It was discussed that funding is not available to purchase Chromebooks for every student. books for every student."

### **Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.
- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

*Respectfully submitted by Ann Marie Ferreri*