

## **Education Committee Minutes**

Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 6:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

**Members Present:** Ken Sands, Mark Guzzi, Robin McNeil, Ryan Parker, Chad Stratton, Jenny Watson, Kathy Neill

**Members Absent:** Leland Youngberg

**Others Present:** Lori Merrow, Ken Kealiher, Maxine Pare, Mike Hammer, Ellen Surprenant, Liz Mares, Angela Brown, Jane Stork, Mary Nadeau, Toni Barboza, Michael Glynn, Chris Easton, Laura Donahue

### **I. Public Comment - None**

- II. Covid - 19 Update** - Michael Glynn and Toni Barboza showed the Committee some of the details relating to online and in person learning for grades 5 and 7. They shared their screens and their screen dashboards from the view of the teacher and how the students navigate their learning remotely. They also provided daily schedules, homework assignments, recorded lessons and how the in class and remote students interact and intersect.

The professional development days prior to the beginning of the year were very helpful to prepare for the students being remote and in person. Continued technology professional development is offered on Wednesdays. Wednesdays allow for teachers to video lessons in fifth grade. 7th grade students watch and participate in Mrs. Barboza's science class if they are remote. There are many opportunities for parents to see grades, assignments, and to get updates on their child's progress. We have made great progress from last year's remote learning; however, there is a lot of work that goes into instruction this year.

The Board Members appreciated the presentations and the effort of the teachers.

We will provide a look at elementary instruction and high school in the future, along with family engagement activities.

**III. Other** - None

**IV. Future Agenda Items** - If Board Members have specific areas related to education or Covid response, they can email Mike Hammer, Ken Sands, or Lori Merrow.

**V.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hammer, Superintendent