



Cromwell Public Schools
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**CROMWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHS Media Center**

**Community Relations Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2015
Motions and Minutes**

Unapproved

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mr. Gagnon. .

Attendance: Ms. McDermott, Mr. Gagnon

Absent: Ms. Fitts-Ritter

Administrators: Dr. Talty, Mr. Maloney

Motion to approve the agenda made by Ms. McDermott seconded by Mr. Gagnon. Vote: Unanimous

Public Comment: none.

Old Business:

- A. Activity Fees – A discussion was held regarding establishing an activity fee to reduce fundraising. Currently we are collecting information on booster club and other fundraising, including how much money is raised. A proposal to move all funds through the Student Activity Fund was discussed. The committee was supportive of this initiative as they agreed that greater oversight of funds raised through fundraisers should be in place. Further discussion was held regarding families with financial hardship. Mr. Maloney indicated that procedures are in place to support families with this. Criteria will be established for all fundraisers to begin to eliminate those that are not meeting this. Minimum criteria would include profit, and product.
- B. Veteran's Day Plans – plans will be on the May update of the regular board of education meeting.

New Business:

- A. Approval of motions and minutes – February 3, 2015
Motion to approve the minutes of the dated February 3, 2015 made by Ms. McDermott seconded by Mr. Gagnon. Vote: Unanimous.
- B. Approval of motions and minutes – November 11, 2014
Motion to approve the minutes of the dated November 11, 2014 made by Ms. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Gagnon. Vote: Unanimous.

- C. Community Service – Dr. Talty provided the committee with an update on opportunities for students to gain Community Service. The Downtown Merchants Association would like some students to assist at their Memorial Day car show. Additionally, there will be opportunities for students to assist at the Pierson Park “Pick of the Litter” event on May 16th. Dr. Talty stated that she and Ms. DiFiore are currently talking about increasing the requirement for community service to 10 hours per year for a total of 40 hours prior to graduation. This will be brought to the Secondary Task Force and the full Board.
- D. Fundraising – As this was discussed in old business no further discussion was held.
- E. Naming of Fields/Facilities – Mr. Kuckel discussed plans to dedicate the track field to Coach Don Luke. A sign will be purchased recognizing the track field as the Don Luke Memorial Track field. The date for the ceremony is tentatively set for May 6th at 5:30. Dr. Talty will ask Mr. Gere to speak. Mr. Luke’s family will be invited.

Public Comments: None.

Topics for Future Agendas: Activity Fee, Veteran’s Day plans

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:51 p.m. made by Ms. McDermott seconded by Mr. Gagnon. Vote: Unanimous

Submitted by:
Mr. Gagnon