

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ellington, Connecticut

Communications Committee Meeting Minutes

The Communications Committee of the Ellington Board of Education met for a virtual meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Board of Education Members: Mr. Blanchette, Ms. Jen Dzen, Ms. Marcia Kupferschmid, and Ms. Jenn Mullin.

Administrative Team Members: Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brian Hendrickson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. John Collins, Director of Technology, and Mr. John Guidry, Principal, Ellington High School.

Also in attendance: Ms. Jennifer Brown, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/Human Resources Coordinator, Ms. Loretta Donovan, Ms. Lori Purcaro, Ms. Stephanie Sprague, Ms. Ayushman Choudhury, Ms. Diane Frasca, and Ms. Annika Stimac.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ms. Mullin at 3:31 p.m.

Agenda Items:

1. *Citizen and Staff Forum*

No one addressed the Committee.

2. *Continued Discussion of EPS Reopening Plan 2020 Communications*

Dr. Nicol opened the discussion by stating that things are moving very fast and are difficult to project at the moment. The district will be receiving health guidance in the next week and that will help guide decision making, decision will be made in the best interest of Ellington.

A document with dates between now and September were shared for key internal and external communications.

Mr. Hendrickson provided an update on teacher input with the communications. Several teachers are on the re-opening committee and each school has been holding voluntary staff meetings for staff feedback. Central Office has also held open cabinet meetings for staff to ask questions, turnout has been great.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 pm.

1st. J. Dzen

2nd. G. Blanchette

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Jenn Mullin

Communications Committee, Chair