WHPS Board of Education Meeting Summary

Representative for WHEA: Lisa Kropp	Date of Meeting: 02/07/23
Type of meetingx_Regular MonthlyAgendaWorkCommittee	Agenda: link

Attendees

Board Members in Attendance:x_Dr. Lorna Thomas-Farquharson _xClare Neserallax_ Dr. Jason Oliver Changx Dr. Renee KamoffxDr. Ari SteinbergxDr. Lorna Thomas-Farquharson _x_Dr. Gayle Harris _x_ Ethan Goldman	Administrators Present:x_Andrew MorrowxPaul Vicinus?_Roszena Haskinsx_Anne McKernan?_Julio Duarte Student Rep:x_ Hall: Caitlin Striff Cave (other student)x_ Conard: Meghan Murphy Others Present: Kerry Jones, Irene Garneau
Press Present/Reporters' Names:	

Notes

Public Comments:

Joette - wants opt out option for SEL books/discussions at elementary level

Ashley - has student at Strive - not happy w not being contacted about issues over the years - esp. Dr. referred to for outside eval

Unfinished Business:

Liz Hewitt, Bob Palmer Capital Improvement Plan - presented in Dec. - adopted

Some discussion about pricing and supply chain issues

New Business:

CT Grown for CT Kids - \$11,000 grant for Charter Oak for garden materials, books, curriculum, expand farm to school program to other schools - approved

Staff Communications & Reports:

Andy Morrow - addressed some weather issues, Conard broken window due to cold,

Next Gen Educator program brings CCSU students into schools as TAs and subs

Paul Vicinus, Kerry Jones, Irene Garneau -Early Childhood Ed updates - School Readiness Grant - currently have 9 classrooms (144 seats) - lottery has started until March - tuition on sliding scale - many anecdotal gains, i.e. less ESOL support needed when enter K

Routine Matters:

Financial Report - general fund surplus \$75,000 by year end (surplus within benefits due to not hiring, but deficit because outside contractors needed to be filled)

Esser grants surplus will roll over in 2023-2024

Nutrition Services - 27% now qualify for free and reduced lunch
Decrease in number of students buying lunch since payment started
Financial report approved
Minutes approved

Information & Reports:
none

Future Business
Wed. 2/22/23 next meeting

Comments from Visitors:
none