

TOLLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Communications and Outreach Committee **Meeting Minutes** **October 12, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 4:40pm

Members in attendance: Susan Seaver, Karen Moran, Colleen Yudichak
Staff: Dr. Walter Willett

Bond referendum –

Group reviewed flyer and mailing details – piece is mailed to absentee ballot residents first; remainder of mailboxes next week.

Open Houses Feedback –

Group discussed utilizing survey feedback for next year at all schools after their respective open houses; Dr. Willett will be considering some ideas in order to maximize the experience of open houses for parents. The group discussed how open houses are conducted now.

Budget workshops –

Nov. 16th is next workshop, 7:00pm in the THS Library. Dr. Willett to continue communication avenues. Budget materials will be posted on website. LiveStream capabilities possible with YouTube (Divo technology is going away). The only issue is that comments would be allowed, and that can be a deterrent to others in participating in the workshop. Also possible to videotape workshop, and post it later to the website. Attendance initiative: encourage people to bring a friend; in partnership with the town, can possibly utilize town e-blast system and Dr. Willett will look into.

Community Learning Workshops –

Workshop on Standardized Assessment will be on October 19th, THS Library at 7:00pm

Discussed utilizing an advertising board to be placed on the Green for both budget workshops and learning workshops. Dr. Willett will investigate our options with the THS Graphics Dept. Also start planning for a banner for the THS Musical in the Spring; Mrs. Moran to discuss with Friends of Tolland Music for possibly funding this again.

Other business –

Constables MOU has been approved by the Town Council. Dr. Willett will be putting some communication in place for schools and parents.

Future agenda items: Post Bond Referendum discussion, continued Budget communications.

Meeting adjourned at: 5:35pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Moran, Chairperson