



## **CDSP General Meeting Minutes**

**35 Leroy Ave.**

**January 10, 2019**

**In attendance:** Julie Best, Sara Parent, Catherine Piorkowski, Shelley Sheridan, Stacey Tie, Beth Lane, Hope Barton, Alex Hall, Alyson Johnson, Jennifer Sherman, Amy Daniels, Lori Olson, Jennifer Woodbury, Liz Riva, Ashley Hinchman, Sara Goertel, Renee Bea, Leila Buckjune, Michele Treacy, Jamie Zionie, Alex Hall, Kelly Dupont, Linda Straubel, Jennifer Morici, Sarah Madson, Marina Corey, Tara Ochman, Katie Stein, Jayme Stevenson, Christa McNamara

Meeting called to order by Sara Parent at 9:34.

Vote to approve minutes from December 6, 2018 by Beth Tiffany O'Connor; seconded by Shelley Sheridan

### **Discussion of Budget Initiatives**

Presentation by Dr. Landon and Mike Feeney

Overview of the process was discussed. The budget runs by school year. It is built by central office and other related staff collaboratively. Budget follows a 'modified zero based' model; all increases must be justified. The superintendent budget is 2.98 percent increase, which is in line with local districts. Highlights include:

- Reduction of three teachers at the elementary level.
- Addition of four psychologists at elementary schools
- Addition of MMS guidance counselor.
- Some contracts are up for negotiations.
- Continue to replace/maintain individual devices, smartboards.
- Capital improvements ongoing.

Questions for members of CDSP included:

- Is there a Plan B around psychologists?
- Can we be more inclusive in our list of issues that children in our district face?

- Is there a specific job description for each psychologist given the fact that they are budgeted in two different RCs.

### **Chair update**

- *District news:* The building committee for Ox Ridge is not finalized yet. We can expect it will be finalized soon. The urgency around this revolves around applying for a state grant. The Board of Finance will be meeting on Tuesday to discuss the electrical panels.
- *Budget:* Monday we will begin speech writing. There are three speeches plan which are Co-Chair, Facilities, and Mental Health.
- *Wait until 8th:* This is a groundswell movement around educating parents about the benefits of delaying giving children cell phones and/or access to social media. The first focus will be to roll this out to parents of 5th graders; event may be co-sponsored by Depot or YMCA. PTOs may be asked to help fund a larger event in the future.

### **School Updates**

None

### **CDSP Rep Role Discussion**

The intention was to vote on changes to this job description. However, the job description was not re-distributed in time for all to review. Vote delayed to next meeting.

### **Budget Work Plan**

Distributed as an attachment to agenda

No new business from the floor

Motion to adjourn at 10:46. Stacey Tie, first; Alex Hall, second

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Piorkowski, Secretary.