



CDSP General Meeting Minutes

35 Leroy Ave.

February 7, 2019

In attendance: Julie Best, Sara Parent, Catherine Piorkowski, Shelley Sheridan, Stacey Tie, Beth Lane, Justine Mullin, Alex Hall, Alyson Johnson, Jennifer Sherman, Mia Mihopoulos, Amy Daniels, Hallie Palen, Lori Olson, Tiffany O'Connor, Jennifer Woodbury, Cristi Mohr, Ann Gallagher, Leila Buckjune, Michele Treacy, Shelly Skoglund, Amy Zerbe, Sarah Madson, Tara Ochman, Joanna Walsh, Jill McCammon, Kadi Lublin

Meeting called to order by Sara Parent at 9:32.

Vote to approve minutes from January 10 by Beth Lane; seconded by Stacey Tie

Co-chair Update

- *District news:* Funds for electrical panel were passed by the RTM. Transfer was done in time for the project to be completed this year; it should be done by Spring. Ox Ridge building committee has been formed and has had its first meeting. Kadi Lublin gave an update. She indicated that it will be difficult to meet the State deadline for building reimbursement. Kip Koons and Duke Dineen are co-chairs for the building committee.
- *Budget:* Board of Education will vote on budget this coming week. Next step is the Board of Finance, which will meet to vote on budget on March 12.
- *Regionalization Bills (SB 738 and SB 475):* There were various views about how pro-active CDSP should be given the fact that there is minimal information contained in the bills. In general, the group is against *forced* regionalization. Co-chairs will write a general statement from CDSP. Individuals who are interested in writing letters to town leaders and/or local politicians are encouraged to do so.

Okay2Delay

- Amy Daniels and Mia Mihopoulos discussed this groundswell movement. At the last meeting they discussed this being packaged as *Wait until 8th*, which is an existing program.

- This will now be changed to Okay2Delay, which will be a Darien based non-profit. The main focus will be to educate parents on smartphone usage so that they have tools to make the decision about when they feel it is appropriate to introduce smartphone usage for their family.
- There is a meeting schedule for February 27th at Middlesex Middle School. This meeting will be geared toward 5th grade parents and provide information about how smartphones affect children's brains.

School Updates

- *Tokeneke*: A survey was done to gain information from parents on programs and events.
- *DHS*: Recent Electives Expo and informative Special Education Coffee were successful - good turnout and good feedback for both.
- *Holmes*: Debbie Bossie came to speak about school lunches
- *5th grade*: General update is that there has been a lack of communication around math testing this year.

CDSP Rep Role Discussion

Voted on revised role description. Stacy Tie motioned to approve; Lori Olson seconded. Vote from the floor was unanimous.

Officer Update

- Nominating: Beth reported that all school co-chairs were asked to provide names from each school to be on the nominating committee.
- Special Education: Royle held a parent meeting. Middlesex had a meeting for parents of rising 6th graders.

No new business from the floor

Motion to adjourn at 10:40. Shelley Sheridan, first; Tiffany O'Connor, second.

Respectfully submitted by Catherine Piorkowski, Secretary.