

Thursday, April 28, 2022

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE OF THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held April 28, 2022, at Central High School, 1 Lincoln Boulevard, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. Present were members Chair Albert Benejan, Joe Sokolovic, and Bobbi Brown*. (*remote participation).

Ms. Brown moved to approve of the committee's minutes of March 17, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benejan and unanimously approved.

The next agenda item was on a district parents handbook. Herminio Planas, executive director of elementary education, said we are in the process of forming a committee to get the handbook up and running.

The next agenda item was on the PACs/PTSOs with principals. Present were principals Sangeeta Bella of Discovery magnet and Victoria Egri of Bryant School, and climate specialist Olga Leiva of Marin School.

Mr. Benejan said he wanted to hear how the principals work with parents and how parent engagement money is spent. He said this would be valuable for other parent leaders to understand things.

Ms. Leiva said she also fills in as an administrator at the school when needed. She said she works with the children, community, and staff on what she calls public relations. She said workshops have been held this year, including one with

Habitat for Humanity last night, which has opportunities for parents to obtain houses.

Ms. Leiva said there have been many events for parents, including at the open house in September. She said parents have participated in workshops throughout the year. She described other events held in October and November, including donations of food and 70 turkeys that were distributed to families.

Ms. Brown left the meeting and there was no longer a quorum of the committee at 6:15 p.m. An information session continued.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod

Approved by the committee on June 16, 2022