

**Orange Board of Education
21st Century Ad Hoc Meeting Minutes**

December 4, 2017

Present: Superintendent Vince Scarpetti, Evelyn Russo, Mary-Jo Sierakowski, Sue Riccio, Kim Browe, Tricia Lasto, and Bill Kraut

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

2. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

3. 21st Century Update

Mrs. Lasto opened with a review of safety emphasizing that safety is the first priority. She reported that all staff has been First Aid, CPR and AED certified.

Homework Club has started at all three schools three days per week (no homework club on Wednesday or Friday). There are two teachers for each program with back-up subs for each, and student participation is parent driven. Feedback has been positive.

Mrs. Lasto is managing all the scheduling for the activities at each program, including basketball, cooking, flag football, tennis, crafts, chess, and coding. The extra activities are open to all students in the district, and there is consistency across programs with consideration for the special interests of each school.

Mrs. Lasto and the site managers have been trained in the Assessment of Afterschool Program Practices Tool (through The Afterschool Network / Dr. Anthony), which focuses on evaluating the program in areas including social development, transitions, healthy activities, and interactions with staff. Staff has responded positively, seeing it as a helpful assessment tool. The focus is on observing the program and identifying areas for improvement. Dr. Anthony will be visiting the programs.

Mrs. Lasto added details about efforts that are developing, including adding STEM activities, probably through the CT STEM Academy, creating a newsletter (student led), and making system improvements (facilitating more effective transitions).

4. Expectations – Board Presentation

Mrs. Lasto will report on the 21st Century program to the Board in January. Her presentation will be about the big three: safety, homework club, and special activities. She will also present future plans and breaking news. Mrs. Lasto will share pictures as she presents these highlights.

5. Review of Financials

Tuition payments are up to date. Site managers are taking checks for those who don't pay online and are making deposits. The responsibility for making deposits will be shifted to central office. Mrs. Lasto will explore making RevTrack a more appealing option to families.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.