

**MINUTES OF THE WBOE AD HOC STUDENT CULTURE &
COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, August 19, 2021
Conducted via Google Meet

I. CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Michael Strambler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

PRESENT: Jonathan S. Budd, Ph.D., Superintendent; Lynn Piascyk, BOE representative; Dr. Michael Strambler, BOE representative; Cheryl Kiesel, administrator representative; Analisa Sherman, administrator representative; Adeline Marziano, parent representative

2 additional members of the BOE were in attendance: Sarah Beth Del Prete and Maria Madonick.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no Public Comment.

III. DISCUSSION OF SAFE RETURN PLAN & SUPPORT FOR STUDENT CULTURE & COMMUNITY AT BRS: Dr. Budd presented work this past summer to help all students transition back to in-person learning, including nearly 120 Google Meet conferences with the families of students returning from fully remote learning in 2020-21, and small-group and individualized building tours with those students. Additionally, the administration had identified a necessary 2021-22 BRS school goal related to meeting the social and emotional needs of all students.

Ms. Sherman then presented three elements of work happening at Beecher next week: (1) for new teachers, professional learning related to Responsive Classroom, led by Mr. DiPalma; (2) for all teachers, professional learning from Choose Love; and (3) for all students who choose, assured Meet-and-Greets.

Member of the public Jeffrey Luck noted the importance of parent involvement in developing children. Member of the public Daniel Cowan noted the importance of supporting students beyond the Responsive Classroom structure, and also the importance of removing masks from students in schools.

Ms. Kiesel then presented two elements of the upcoming school year related to assessing and addressing effectively the social and emotional needs of all students: (1) a potential social-emotional learning assessment; and (2) current social-emotional assessments that are integrated.

Member of the public Daniel Cowan commented that parents and students could have the opportunity to tour Beecher Road School together. Member of the public Jeffrey Luck supported joint tours.

It was noted that, in September, the Committee will review relevant data from the June Panorama survey.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:55 p.m.