

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

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Conducted via Google Meet

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Michael Strambler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:33 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 Marzialo, parent representative; Erin Williamson, parent representative; Joseph DiPalma, teacher representative.

3 additional members of the BOE were in attendance: Daniel Cowan, Lor Ferrante Fernandes, and Joyce Shavers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no Public Comment.

**INTRODUCTION:** All Committee members introduced themselves and their interest and background related to this Committee.

**REVIEW OF COMMITTEE CHARGE:** Dr. Strambler reviewed the BOE-approved Committee Charge.

**DISCUSSION OF PRIOR WORK AND POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS:** Committee members discussed the importance of supporting students returning to Beecher in the fall during the ongoing pandemic. The prior Ad Hoc Safety Committee had been interested in topics such as patterns of disciplinary issues, data trends over time, and potential strategies and approaches to address student culture and community. The State Department of Education has indicated potential resources for use by local districts in the fall. Discussion ensued around the importance of community-building in the fall, with all students and staff returning to in-person learning. Committee members discussed potential professional development relevant to the Committee Charge.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Board members discussed the importance of connections, social norms, and the need for all students to feel safe, respected, and respectful in school.

Consensus was reached to reconvene in August to assess the reopening of school in relation to student culture and community, and to look in September at relevant data including from the June Panorama survey.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:54 p.m.