

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT**  
**Communications/Community Outreach Subcommittee Meeting**

Name of Subcommittee: Communications/Community Outreach Subcommittee

Meeting type: Regular

Date of Meeting: 9/7/17

Place of Meeting: NF Community Room

Minutes submitted by: Samantha Mannion

Members present: Samantha Mannion, Ed Sbordone

Members absent: Kevin Hearty

Other attendees: Alicia Roy, Steve Burfeind, Doug DeRito, Amy Tozzo

**Meeting called to order:** at 6:08 p.m. by Ed Sbordone

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A. May 4, 2017 – Regular

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of May 4, 2017, as presented

Made by: Ed Sbordone

Seconded by: Samantha Mannion

**Recording of Vote:** All in favor

**III. Action Items - none**

**IV. Information Items**

A. **Before- and After-School Program (EdAdvance)** – Tracey Lay from EdAdvance gave a PowerPoint presentation on before- and after-school programming. This is a well-rounded after-school program with physical activity, creative activities and homework help. Programming does have academic outcomes, with added enrichment opportunities. Community service projects are incorporated as well.

EdAdvance after-school programs participate in Connecticut State After-School Program Day at the Capitol. Child social skills are front and center in all programming.

Tracey shared New Fairfield's survey results. There were 148 responses to the survey, mostly from K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade parents. Higher numbers want after-school care, but numbers for before-school care were still significant. A majority of New Fairfield parents want care five days a week, with a 7:00 – 7:30 a.m. drop off time and a 5:30 pickup time, but she recommends a 6 p.m. closing time. The rate would be hourly and would be converted to a daily rate.

Grants (funding is uncertain) would make offering scholarships possible for parents who cannot afford to pay. The maximum number of students who could be enrolled is determined by license requirements and space consideration (law requires 35 feet per child). The goal is to accommodate everyone who would want to enroll, but the program is offered on a first-come-first-serve basis, with online registration. License accommodates age K through 12 year old children, and they also run middle school programming.

The proposal would be to start at Consolidated School and Meeting House Hill School. In order for implementation for the 2018-19 school year, Board of Education approval would be needed by December or January of this school year to enable EdAdvance to start planning. It was

suggested that this item be place on the next BOE agenda, and that the PowerPoint presentation be put on the district website for all parents to view.

**V. Other**

**Motion to adjourn:** Made by: Ed Sbordone  
Recording of vote: Aye – Unanimous

Seconded by: Samantha Mannion  
Meeting adjourned at: 6:46 p.m.