

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

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Conducted via Webex

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.

**MINUTES OF THE WBOE AD HOC STUDENT CULTURE &
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Thursday, August 19, 2021

Conducted via Webex

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 Marzialo, 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.

**MINUTES OF THE WBOE AD HOC STUDENT CULTURE &
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Monday, September 27, 2021

Conducted via Webex

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; Jennifer Clarke-Lofters, parent representative; Joseph DePalma, teacher representative

1 additional member of the BOE was in attendance: Maria Madonick.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no Public Comment.

III. DISCUSSION OF SAFE RETURN PLAN AS IMPLEMENTED THUS FAR: Ms. Sherman presented professional learning from Choose Love, and Meet-&-Greets offered to students before the start of the school year.

IV. DISCUSSION OF KEY PANORAMA SPRING 2021 SURVEY RESULTS & IMPLICATIONS: Ms. Sherman presented school climate questions and responses from the Spring 2021 student and family surveys, and conclusions and implications related to 2021-22 Beecher Road School goals. Suggestions were made for enhanced family survey participation in the future.

It was noted that, in October, the Committee will discuss additional steps being taken to develop student culture and community at Beecher Road School.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:14 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE WBOE AD HOC STUDENT CULTURE &
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Monday, October 25, 2021

Conducted via Webex

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; Joseph DePalma, teacher representative

2 additional members of the BOE were in attendance: Maria Madonick and Erin Williamson. 1 member of the Public (Joi Prud'homme) was also in attendance.

III. DISCUSSION OF STUDENTS' MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS & BRS RESPONSE: Ms. Kiesel presented goals and priorities of the Beecher Road School wellness team as linked to current mental health needs of BRS students. Discussion centered on ways in which various staff roles meet various needs.

IV. DISCUSSION OF SAFE SCHOOL CLIMATE COMMITTEE & RELEVANT DATA: Ms. Sherman presented an update from the BRS Safe School Climate Committee, including plans to track data moving forward.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Prud'homme noted the value of volunteers in the school to assist with positive school climate.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE WBOE AD HOC STUDENT CULTURE &
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Monday, November 22, 2021

Conducted via Webex

I. CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Michael Strambler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 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; Jennifer Crofte-Lofters, parent representative; Joseph DiPalma, teacher representative.

1 additional member of the BOE was in attendance: Erin Williamson. Assistant Principal Jimmy Sapia was also in attendance. WEA representative Kim Franklin was also in attendance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no Public Comment.

III. BRS PROCESSES TO SUPPORT POSITIVE STUDENT CULTURE & COMMUNITY:

Based on the attached presentation, Ms. Sherman outlined various ways positive school culture is built at Beecher Road School, as well as how student disciplinary referrals are handled in such cases. Ms. Kiesel explained how complaints of student bullying and/or harassment are addressed.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE WBOE AD HOC STUDENT CULTURE &
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Monday, January 10, 2022

Conducted via Webex

I. CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Michael Strambler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03 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; Jennifer Clarke-Lofters, parent representative; Joseph DePalma, teacher representative

3 additional member of the BOE were in attendance: Sarah Beth Del Prete, Brooke Hopkins, & Maria Madonick.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no Public Comment.

III. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE WORK AND PREPARATION FOR WBOE PRESENTATION:

Dr. Budd, Ms. Sherman, & Ms. Kiesel discussed, and took feedback on, the draft presentation for the January 18, 2022, Board of Education meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:52 p.m.