

HARVEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 152
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 16, 2020
5:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were: Board Members: Present Janet Rogers, Vice President Linda Hawkins, Board Secretary Casey Nesbit, Member Sandra Contreras, Member Myra Gardner, Member Gloria Johnson and Member Joseph Whittington Jr.

Absent: None.

Administration/Staff: Superintendent John Thomas, Mr. Leonard Mood, Ms. Sirlena Thomas and Ms. Nicole Wright

Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School Safety and Security Report

Dr. Stacey Hunt, Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School Principal and Mr. Seneca G. Woodson, District Security Supervisor, presented a comparison analysis based on the number of fighting incidents and suspensions from 2018-2020. The number of consequences has decreased due to several intervention strategies that have been implemented.

Here are some the Intervention Programs:

- Peace Circle Mediation
- Student town hall meetings
- Parenting workshops with Law enforcement and other outside agencies
- One on One mentoring sessions with students
- VIP Lunches
- Academic Success Walls

The Board expressed concerns regarding video recordings of fights. The District will investigate the purchase of cell phone pouches for students. Dr. Hunt and Mr. Woodson will do an assessment of what further steps need to be taken to continue the assistance in safety and the success of our students.

Seconds Matter

Michael Carmine of Seconds Matter presented the BluePoint Life safety response is the only rapid emergency response system that provides technology to aid both the life of the person/people being rescued. By utilizing BluePoint's patented activation devices and software,

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law enforcement and medical responders are notified faster than calling 911. The Board suggested that Members Gardner, Nesbit and Contreras visit District 148 to review the system that was installed. At that point further information will be presented to the Board of Education at a later date.

Adjournment @ 5:51 p.m.