

Final PTSO Meeting

In the FDR

May 23, 2018

In attendance: Evelina, Andrea, Jen, Catherine, Colette, Becky

We presented the new slate of board members for next year. We took a vote to approve the new slate and it was approved.

Jamie talked about yesterday's Active Shooter Training, including the movie. Said it went well and the students were engaged and asking questions. WPD was there and some kids opted out of the movie part of the training. The Drill portion of the training happened during Advisory. And, he got feedback from the kids that the Drill impacted them differently than the movie, but that they were glad they went through it. He will meet with this team to debrief next week. That will include the discussions that happened in Advisory afterwards as well. And plan for future drills – planning for two drills per year. Parents gave feedback about their kid's responses and their opinions as well.

David Lussier spoke and quickly mentioned that this training is rolled out differently to the younger grades, as needed. And, mentioned that the teachers/staff experienced a more "real" training last year. Also spoke about the School Wellness Advisory Committee we have. And that group considers Sexual Activity and how our Nursing Dept can help with those issues. The committee looked at our curriculum and existing practices to decide on whether or not we should issue condoms through the Nurses office. Sexually transmitted infections are a large issue currently and condoms assist in preventing that. Beginning in the Fall, condoms will only be given out after discussions with the Nurses. They will not be easily visible and available. There was a lot of parent discussion afterward.

David Lussier also spoke about the District's work around developing the profile of the graduate for the 21st century. We joined Ed Leader 21 network to look at how districts are moving towards appropriate change. We are almost at the end of our 5-year plan and would like to develop this profile as part of the new plan. There is a group of 50-60 parents/students/teachers as part of the committee working with the District on this. Next step is to post their draft competencies for the community to look at them and give feedback. District would like to bring a more final list of competencies to the School Committee in the Fall.