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School, Family, and Community Partnerships Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 28, 2025

A meeting of the Bristol Board of Education School, Family, and Community Partnership Committee was held on May 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Room 36 and via the Zoom Meeting Platform.

PRESENT: Committee members: Maria Simmons, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, Jennifer Van Gorder

ALSO, PRESENT Superintendent Iris White, Deputy Mary Hawk, Dr. Ryan Broderick (presenter), Erika Treannie (presenter)

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula and seconded by Commissioner Van Gorder (Comm. Van Gorder also abstained), the minutes from April 23, 2025, were approved.

3. Public Comment:

There was no public comment this evening.

4. Activate Well-Being:

Group activity to break the ice and get started.

5. Community Partnerships Report:

Our special guests were Cristina, the PTA president of South Side School, and Dr. Huber, the Principal of South Side School, spoke about the extraordinary learning environment that is going on at South Side School, such as the school store, fundraising for two free parent events, teacher appreciation week, and an In-School Learning Day.

6. School Community Shout Out:

There were three shout-outs:

1. Cristina and Dr. Huber at South Side School from Commissioner Simmons.
2. Alissa Keane at Mountain View from Deputy Hawk.
3. Kris Deleo at Hubbell from Superintendent White.

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7. Liaisons:

Jody Goeler from CAFE spoke about Liaisons and how the role of a liaison needs to be clearly defined, and there needs to be relationship rules set for the Board Members and the school staff. There needs to be clear guidelines, and the Board Member needs to be the advocate for their school and sharing the needs of the school, not individual concerns or grievances. He also discussed the Hamden Heroes that he created. Which is to honor an outstanding student, community member, and staff member before the start of a BOE meeting. With pictures on a bulletin board and certificates handed out to the winners. It will set a nice tone to start each meeting.

8. Student Representatives:

Nick Caruso from CAFE spoke about Student Representatives and how students can get involved with the Board. The members need to create an environment where the students feel comfortable. Students would get the agenda before the meeting and be able to make motions on the floor. He said a conversation should be had with the Principal of the high school and the guidance counselors before choosing who would represent the schools. He offered to come back to the district to help train the students. He also stressed always keeping in mind What's the Why?

9. SFCP Goal and Action Plan Report and Updates:

Dr. Broderick and Ericka Treannie spoke about the SFCP Action Plans and Updates. Click [HERE](#) for the report.

10. Adjournment:

The School, Family, Community Partnerships Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m. by Commissioner Simmons.

Submitted by:

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