

November 8, 2021

- I. Meeting call to order - 4:08 pm
- II. Recognition
 - A. Introductions - Superintendent Gina Picard and Director of Finance Ned Draper were in attendance
 - B. Kim St. Clair will take minutes
 - C. Cristina D'Agostino conducting the meeting in Mr. G.'s absence
- III. Public Forum
 - A. Donna shared that School Committee member Lisa Macarouso called to express her confidence in the Hope Valley teachers and staff while Mr. G was on leave.
 - B. Information shared about a URI volunteer after school program
 - a. Program through URI Health & Wellness
 - b. HV students would need to sign up
 - c. Group of three URI students to run the program
 - d. One hour, twice a week for four weeks in the spring
 - e. Further discussion needed
 - f. Request this topic to be on a future SIT meeting agenda
- IV. Business
 - A. RICAS (RI Comprehensive Assessment System) overview
 - a. Overall, all Chariho scores were low but better than the state
 - b. Reasons for lower scores
 - i. COVID - no experience with test in 2020 - first time for both third and fourth grade
 - ii. COVID - still had distance learners; different experience than those in the classroom
 - iii. Social Emotional needs were in the forefront for students in order to lessen anxiety of COVID and protocols needing to be followed
 - iv. Item analysis shows skills which had not been taught were tested on
 - v. Test was taken in March during morning and afternoon times- concern over student quarantine from April vacation
 - c. Preparation for 2022 RICAS - third and fourth grade
 - i. Front load and expose students to skills not yet taught
 - ii. Continue to use Math textbook and language with fidelity
 - B. ESSER III Funding
 - a. Fourth stage of federal money - (CARES Act, ESSER I, ESSER II)
 - b. Previous funding put into purchase of PPE, HEPA filters, bussing

- c. Superintendent Picard and Mr. Draper explained what the funding is meant to do and the amounts given to the district
- d. A plan needs to be submitted to the state along with a process for tracking the allocation of funds
- e. Collaboration between Chariho and the state already happening regarding the use of the funding
- f. RICAS data being used to support implementation of new curriculum material in Math and ELA

C. Budget

- a. Buildings have submitted budgets to Superintendent
- b. Meetings will take place with principals to complete a line by line analysis

D. New Recess Guidance

- a. No more contract tracing needs to be done for recess
- b. Pods can mix (both classes of a grade level together)
- c. Blacktop and playground only need to be used now

V. Consent Agenda Items

Minutes from October 4, 2021 - motion to approve minutes made by Caleb Grant; second by Kim StClair; Unanimous vote to approve

VI. Reports

A. Principal's Report

- a. Trunk or Treat was a huge success. Thank you to the PTO for the purchase of goodies. Thank you to the teachers who decorated trunks.
- b. Food Drive - runs until November 19th; already have over 1,000 cans donated by one family; donations go right back to the Chariho community

B. Coming Events

- a. Picture Day
- b. PCR Testing
 - i. Parents need to register their child
 - ii. Testing will take place every Wednesday
- c. COVID Vaccine Clinic - November 12th 3:00-6:30 at Chariho Middle School

VII. SIT requests for future agenda items

- A. URI students running after school program
- B. Change of time for future SIT meetings

VIII. Adjournment - motion - Mary Ann Mello; second - Caleb Grant; vote - unanimous - 5:00pm

NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 10, 2022