

December 14, 2023

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A meeting was held at 4:04pm in room 224 at Kickemuit Middle School. A quorum was established.

- I. Attendance: S. Stringer, J. Saarinen, B. Chidester, T. DeSanto, D. Achilli, J. Lawson, J. Schneider, J. McDonald, N. Ross, D. Parks, K. Kline, M. Camara, E. McCaffrey, V. Cronan, N. Patalano, J. LaFazia, K. Aleicho
- II. Agenda and Minutes
 - A. No additions to the agenda
 - B. November minutes were approved as presented.
- III. New Business
 - A. Counslr Presentation ([Counslr | The mental health support your people need.](#))
 1. The phone app, text-based mental health service, will be rolled out during the second semester at Mt. Hope High School and for all K-12 staff.
 2. The district will pay for this service.
 3. The service will collect all staff emails which are used for a one time log-in
 4. The district will receive data (separated between students and staff) including: how many users, date and time of use, number of messages, topics discussed, length and type of session
 5. The service as an S.O.S. and wellness check if a user is in crisis.
 6. No other RI district has a subscription
 - a) Representative council members generated questions to bring to either district administration or Counslr representative
 - b) The BWEA agrees with the spirit and intent of this service.
 - B. Hugh Cole Support/Way to Honor Katelyn McCanna's Service to the District
 1. J. Saarinen makes a motion to donate \$500 to be divided among the school librarians to purchase books and book plates in Katelyn's honor.
 - a) Many seconds - passes unanimously
 - b) The process of this donation was tabled
 - c) Creating a set policy for donations when a current BWEA member passes away is tabled until January 2024 meeting
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Morale Survey
 1. Colt-Andrews - school safety, teacher recognition
 2. Guiteras - school safety, feelings of being unsafe, having necessary resources
 3. Hugh Cole - no representatives
 4. Rockwell - no representatives
 5. Kickemuit Middle School - feeling valued, recognition
 6. Mt. Hope High School - feeling valued, recognition, teacher workload, responsiveness to previous survey
- V. Building Issues
 - A. Colt-Andrews - cameras, no copy paper
 - B. Guiteras - clarity of how/when to write up discipline reports in ASPEN
 - C. Hugh Cole - no representatives

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- D. Rockwell - no representatives
 - E. Kickemuit Middle School - nothing to report
 - F. Mt. Hope High School - copy paper shortage (only 1 case in the school)
- VI. Reports
- A. Co-Presidents
 1. Patrick Crowley is moving to AFL-CIO. Alex Lucini will be our new uniserve until March 2024
 2. Please register for NEARI's Lobby Day, February 6, 2024 at the State House beginning at 3pm.
 3. NEARI at P-Bruins, portion of the ticket price will go to NEARI's Children's Fund [NEARI at PBruins | National Education Association Rhode Island](#)
 - B. Vice President - nothing to report
 - C. Treasurer - reports past donations to NEARI Children's Fund and Gingerbread Express
 - D. Secretary - nothing to report
 - E. High School Grievance Chair - nothing to report
 - F. Middle School Grievance Chair - nothing to report
 - G. Elementary Grievance Chair - 1 Level 3 grievance in abeyance

Meeting adjourned 5:37pm