

# THOMPSON BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Thompson Public Library Community Center Room 3 Communications Sub-Committee Special Meeting 5:00 pm

Thursday, January 19, 2017

### MINUTES

#### **Members Present:**

Thomas Angelo  
Donna Godzik  
William Witkowski

#### **Members Absent:**

Joseph Lindley

Also present was:

Justin Martin, Linda Jarmolowicz, Ian Polun, Shawn Brissette

#### **I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm by William Witkowski.

#### **II. Discussion**

Donna Godzik opened the meeting with discussion on school choice programs and how the She also asked if an exit survey could be done for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to see why they would want to go to other high schools other than Tourtellotte.

Joseph Lindley had a list for Tom Angelo to discuss. One of Mr. Lindley's concerns is getting information regarding budget articles in the newspaper. Also discussed was how and where to post upcoming meetings. Meetings will be posted at the Town Hall, Shopper's Guide, Town Library and possibly the transfer station.

The school website was discussed. Donna Godzik would like to see a WELCOME section on each school's website, informing parents about curriculum and services.

Discussion was held regarding the high school and how to retain grade 8 students.

Thomas Angelo summed up the meeting with the following:

- Mr. Angelo will talk to First Selectman to see if the BOE can put up a sign at the town transfer station to announce upcoming meetings, or a billboard put up created by our shop class.
- Change the Villager article to have a school spotlight section.
- Include View Book into Thompson Welcome Kits at the Town Hall.
- Put more emphasis on the Middle School – talk to Mr. Scott
- Focus group with students and parents of those who are leaving to attend other high schools other than Tourtellotte
- Email to Bill Witkowski for discussion point at next BOE meeting regarding realignment of schools, grades 8-12 and PreK-7
- Messaging for the budget -putting on billboard
- Put welcome “button” on website – what our schools offer
- Website design will be relooked into

The next Communications Meeting will be on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 5:30pm.

**III. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Bill Witkowski, seconded by Donna Godzik at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Danielle M. Pederson  
Recording Secretary to the Board