

**MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE  
SUPERINTENDENT'S LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM  
March 14, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.**

**Item 1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance.**

Committee Chair Monica Pomazon called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. All stood for the pledge. Committee members present were Sandra Berardy and Robert Mitchell. Also present was Superintendent Laurie Pallin.

**Item 2. Review of status of committee work to date and projected timelines for implementation of initiatives.**

The committee reviewed the strategies laid out in the Communication Plan and the steps which have been taken to implement each of these strategies. Based upon goal 2, strategy 3 (expand opportunities for students and parents to have input on decisions, it was decided that we would try to ask a parent from each school to attend the ad hoc transportation committee meetings.

Discussion of goal 3 (increase recognition of teachers and staff in district) led the group to discuss better ways to honor retirees, new teachers, and the teacher of the year. Committee members agreed that current events are not well attended and may not be the most effective way for the Board to recognize people. The committee also discussed the possibility of recognizing other staff members, perhaps through an "employee of the quarter" program in which an employee each quarter is surprised with balloons / flowers and their picture is posted on website and in their building. This program would be targeted for groups not currently recognized like custodians, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, IT staff, etc.

The committee reviewed the list of Twitter accounts related to MPS and asked that they be shared with the full Board at their meeting on Tuesday.

The committee would like to arrange for the original song performed by the Tyl Choir to play before the Board meeting in a loop, ending at 6:00 PM.

**Item 3. Continued communication of the budget and capital plan.**

The committee discussed creating a one page leaflet outlining the budget.

**Item 4. Review Communications Plan and discuss next steps for goals 1-3**

The committee agreed our work will focus on using goals 1-3 of the Communication Plan as blueprint and move forward on these goals.

**Item 5. Future agenda items.**

Continued discussion of actions taken to meet goals 1-3 of the Communications Plan

**Item 6. Adjournment.**

**Motion to adjourn at 6:52 P.M.**

**Proposed by:** Sandra Berardy

**Seconded by:** Bob Mitchell

**Vote:** Carried (vote 3-0)

Respectfully Submitted by,

Monica Pomazon, Chair