Communications and Outreach Committee Minutes August 2, 2021 TOLLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Members in Attendance: Christina Plourd; Co-chair, Tony Holt

Administration in attendance: Dr. Willett

Administrative Attendees: Dr. Walter Willett, Superintendent

Members Absent: Co-Chair; Sophia Shaikh

Meeting called to order 3:02 PM

Dr. Willett updated the team on the weekly meetings with DPH for superintendents. There really has been no changes to the status quo.

The communications committee briefly discussed the draft advocacy letter regarding masking that was shared with the board last full board meeting. Jacob Marie had sent in a revised copy of his letter that he had drafted. Christina and Tony agreed not to change it from the original since there was no new information and Sophia was not present. The floor was opened for public participation.

Rebecca Risley spoke in favor of masking in schools Kate Howard Bender spoke in favor of masking schools Julie Kleinberg spoke in favor of giving parents the choice to mask their children or not

Christina asked the public to refrain from using laughing emoji's while others were speaking. Even if you disagree, the public has the right to speak their opinion without being disrespected.

Sara Briggs spoke in favor of giving parents the choice to mask their children or not Liz Costa spoke in favor of masking in schools

Michelle Harrold spoke in favor of masking in schools

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm

Respectfully submitted, Christina Plourd