



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**New Haven Board of Education
Governance Committee**

**Monday October 5, 2020
5:30 p.m.**

Minutes

Attendees: Joanne Wilcox, Dr. Tamiko Jackson, Typhanie Jackson, Carolyn Ross-lee, Evie Velazquez, Dr. Karen Dubois Walton, Lou Menacho, Tina Mitchell, Matt Brown, Greg Baldwin, Medria Blue Ellis

1. Reviewed Minutes from September 21, 2020 meeting. No changes reported and minutes were accepted
2. There was a discussion of old business that the facilities renaming policy would be discussed for second reading at the upcoming board meeting
3. The District Equity and Leadership team led by Ms. Evie Velazquez and Ms. Carolyn Ross Lee presented information to explain the Equity Policy. The group discussed the policy in the terms of pillars outlining varying aspects of the work. These pillars included the following: Students at the Center, Culturally Relevant Leading, Teaching and Learning , Equitable Alignment of Resources, Systems and Structures and Family & Community Engagement. The team discussed the manner by which the policy fits into the strategic planning document. Additionally, Ms. Velazquez discussed some current work which included training that was occurring with ELA teachers. Dr. Jackson did ask the team to make some minor adjustments to the plan. The next step was for the team to make the same presentation for the upcoming board meeting and present the policy as its first reading of the board.
4. The next meeting we discussed having a discussion following up on the pandemic policy as well as an update from the SRO committee

