

Committee Members  
Dorothy J. Hargrove, Chairman  
John L. Monfredo  
Brian A O'Connell

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## A C T I O N S

The Standing Committee on Governance and Planning met at 6:55 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2009 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

There were present: Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell and Chairman Hargrove

Representing Administration was: Dr. Friel

Others in Attendance: J. Lyons

### gb #4-218 - Mr. O'Connell (November 5, 2004)

To request that the Administration distribute to schools appropriate guideline materials on constitutionally permissible holiday season celebrations.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Hargrove and Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration distribute, via e-mail, a copy of the guideline materials provided by the American Civil Liberties Union entitled "Religious Holidays in the Public Schools" to the principals.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

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### gb #7-114 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo (April 30, 2007)

To develop a policy regarding foreign travel for student groups which takes into account the educational and enrichment benefits of such travel.

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### gb #8-242 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Ms. Hargrove (November 3, 2008)

To review the status of the Title I Parent Advisory Council: its membership, its meeting schedule, and the opportunities it provides to its members to attend statewide conferences regarding Title I parent involvement.

gb #8-242 (continued)

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Hargrove and Mr. Monfredo made the following motions:

Request that Annex A as contained in the backup for the item be referred to the Citywide Parent Planning Advisory Council to consider devoting two meetings at least in part to Title I topics.

Request that the Title I Director hold an informational meeting for Title I parents to inform them more about Title I and recruit members to attend Citywide Parent Planning Advisory Council meetings.

Request that the Administration report back in a Friday Letter in May or June 2009 regarding the above mentioned requests.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

gb #8-250 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo (November 24, 2008)

To consider options for parent-teacher conferences to be held at times and in ways (e.g., teleconferencing) accessible to working parents.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to Negotiations.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Helen A. Friel, Ed.D.  
Clerk of the School Committee