

Caffeine

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from this and it will be too late to do something.”

Long pointed out that already the state legislature has passed bills on what can be sold on school grounds. He mentioned testimony heard from teenagers on the task force about how students bring the drinks into schools. The NCAA, as well as schools around the country, have already banned energy drinks, and he suggested the district consider similar action. “We want you to be the first school committee in Rhode Island to pass a ban,” Long said.

On a side note, Long commented that cigars were not part of the bill that requires tobacco to be sold behind the cashier counter. Cigars are displayed on the front counter in a convenience store on Narragansett Avenue, and teenagers on the task force said they know kids who steal them. “Kids hollow out the cigars and stuff marijuana into them,” Hosley added.

Committee member Bruce “B.J.” Whitehouse said he was ready to take the presenters’ advice and make a motion immediately. He asked if the committee were to ban energy drinks, “how would we know which ones we would ban?” Long responded that the legislature was ready to define guidelines for energy drinks. “If you put it on your agenda, we will come back with language for you.”

Anne Wooley, a parent of a middle-school and a high school student, suggested considering an education piece about why a ban was important. “I am surprised and have heard it for the first time,” Wooley commented.

In other business, the committee approved a resignation even though it did not fall into the category of a 90-day notice. A discussion ensued about why the policy existed if it was not enforced. Committee member Julia Held suggested a penalty for anyone who disregarded the policy. Superintendent Marsha Lukon noted that forcing a teacher to stay who was not interested in the

classroom was unhealthy for the children. The committee agreed to review the policy at a later date.

In a discussion of a proposed policy on flyers, the committee discussed amending the language prohibiting “distribution of information of an advertising or promotional nature” to include information of a “political” nature. William “Bucky” Brennan voiced opposition to including the word political in the policy. “Who sets the boundary on what is political and what is not?” he asked, using the example of reminder notes to vote sent home with students before an election day. Committee chairwoman Cathy Kaiser defended the wording, saying the district could, at times, have a valid reason to send announcements home. Held also defended the word use, saying, “If you omit political, that’s too broad a policy.” The policy was passed, unchanged, with a 3-1 vote.

In the principal’s report, Lukon thanked Director of Student Services Robert Fricklas for helping Jamestown to co-sponsor a four-day summer computing institute at the University of Rhode Island. The free program is designed to interest students with disabilities in pursuing higher education and careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

Fricklas noted that he ran the program, which was sponsored by the U.S. Science Foundation, in the northern part of the state last year. “Students learn hands-on, develop their own LED batteries, and digitally produce designs,” he explained. “The institute is designed to perk their interest in going into technical or scientific related fields.”

Lukon went on to announce that the administration successfully used the new Connect-Ed messaging system to notify staff and parents of the school cancellation on Jan. 14.

“Teachers are happy because they do not have to do the call chain anymore,” she added.

“We feel a whole lot better about our communication in emergency situations.”

Lukon gave credit to Facilities Director Lewis Kitts. “Working with Lew is a pleasure. He’s out there at 4 a.m. checking the roads,” she noted.

In the principal’s report, Kathy Almanzor and Carole Melucci reported that on Jan. 12 the seventh and eighth grade robotics enrichment class participated and placed in the First Lego League Robotics Championship at Roger Williams University. One of three teams, Team Kool, placed sixth.

Melucci also reported that Kelsey Coleman, a fourth grade student at Melrose Avenue school, won the Rhode Island Youth Art Month Promotional Postcard competition. Her design is slated to be printed on promotional postcards sent to superintendents and other dignitaries around the state.

The co-principals thanked the PTO for a donation of \$200 for signs and cones for the Melrose Avenue drop-off and dismissal time. The new materials are used to reinforce the use of crosswalks and appropriate parking areas. Melucci voiced concern, however, that some drivers ignore the markers and maneuver cars between the cones. Fricklas agreed, adding, “I see them from my window looking out. It’s a miracle there hasn’t been an accident.”

Almanzor noted a serious problem with unruly drivers. “Our bottom line becomes safety, with more children riding the bus and less parents dropping off, that would solve the problem. We need traffic control outside,” she said, adding that the police have observed the problem. “Kids have to be safe.”

The School Committee extended its condolences to the family of Gail O’Brien. Fricklas noted that O’Brien was a valued member of the administrative team who will be greatly missed.

Brown University is looking for Gorham silverware owners

The Brown University Library is looking for people who have a set of Gorham flatware, are collectors of silver hollowware, or are interested in the history of industrial design.

In an effort to more effectively meet the needs of patrons interested in using the Gorham Company Archive, the library will be conducting a brief online survey. The library has obtained funding from the Institute for Museum and Library Services to collaborate with RISD in developing a new database architecture for the visual materials in the Gorham Company Archive that will integrate information from the business and design archives of the Gorham Manufacturing Company held at the Brown University Hay Library, the Gorham silver objects and design drawing collection at the RISD Museum, and the Gorham Company’s design resource collection housed at the RISD Library.

The goal of this project is to provide online searchable access

to archival drawings, sketches, object photography, and product descriptions that will enable users to identify their pieces and contribute to a database of Gorham holdings.

To help the library achieve a design that will be useful to all potential patrons, they are seeking input from everyone with an interest in the Gorham database.

For further information on the Gorham database design project, contact Holly Snyder at 863-1515 or by e-mail at Holly_Snyder@brown.edu.

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