

Hanover Township Public Schools Office of the Superintendent

PTA Advisory Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2017

MJS IMC

Attendance: M. Wasko, V. Wolsky, A. Wasserman, R. Camean, C. Bellino, K. McSorley, V. Conforti, K. Seifert, D. Brennan, C. Tognetti, M. Anderson, A. Graepel, D. Stark, G. Margolis, S. Hegarty, J. Toomey

1. **"Excellence in Our Schools" Newsletter (Fall Edition)** (Handout #1) **MJW**

2. **Recreation Updates** **DB**
 - Santa's Mailbox
 - 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off
 - Traveling Teens Preview Trip
 - Santa Mailbox
 - Basketball Pep Rally
 - Holiday PJ Party & Ginger Bread Cookie Contest
 - Township Pool Membership Drive

3. **New District Mobile Communications App** **MS/GM**
 - "Sneak Peak" Presentation

4. **2018-2019 District Calendar** (Handout #2) **MJW**
 - "Draft" copy of 2018-2019 District Calendar

5. **NJSAC Update (New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum)** **MJW**
 - Statement of Assurances (SOA)
 - Received a letter indicating that we are currently designated as a high performing district (scored 80% or greater) in all five indicators....Instruction & Program, Fiscal Management, Governance, Personnel, and Operations....a "differenced" review was performed by the NJDOE and it was determined that we MAY BE eligible for QSAC equivalency wavier.
 - We are in the process of completing the application, once completed, a further analysis of updated data will take place using the "differentiated review process, which will include possible site visits by the NJDOE and/or the completion of our District Performance Review Indicators (DPR's)

6. **BOE & HTEA "Ratify" New Contract** **MJW**
 - Congratulations to all

7. **Board of Education Updates** **MJW**
 - Sal Azzarello: re-elected to a 3 year seat
 - Glen Yannotta: re-elected to a 3 year seat
 - Gina Marie Winkler: New member, elected via write-in votes to a 3 year seat
 - Brian Cahill: Leaving in December 2017 (BOE Member since April of 2008)

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8. 2018-2019 District Budget

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9. School & PTA Updates:

- Special Education (GM)
- Salem Drive School (RC & Valerie Conforti)
- Bee Meadow School (DS & Katie Seifert)
- Mountview Road School (CB & Katy McSorley)
- Memorial Junior School (MA & Sue Hegarty)

10. Curriculum Updates

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- Next Generation Science Standards
- Beginning the vetting process of grades 3-5 ELA materials

11. Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.) Program

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- L.E.A.D. was established in 2014, it's mission is:
 - to prevent drug abuse, deter drug related crimes, eliminate violence and bullying, and promote law enforcement.
 - The program collaborates with educators, community leaders, families, and L.E.A.D. support organizations.
- Too Good for Drugs Grade 5 Curriculum:
 - Consists of two units:
 - ✓ First five lessons deal with social and emotional competence skills, i.e., goal setting, decision making, managing emotions, effective communication, relationships
 - ✓ Next five lessons deal with information about alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and the effects of use on the body, i.e., managing mistakes, peer pressure, effects of alcohol and drug use, etc.

12. PARCC Updates

DS

- Spring 2018 Field Test of Science
- Testing window: elementary and middle school (May 7th – June 8th)

13. Looking Ahead:

- Board of Education Meetings: Special Presentations (Please visit our District Website)
 - Tuesday, December 12th: Instrumental and Choral “Holiday” Performances by MJS & SDS Students
 - Thursday, January 4th: Reorganization Meeting
 - Tuesday, April 24th: 2018-2019 Budget Presentation
 - Tuesday, May 15th: Teacher of the Year & Excellence in Service Presentations
- Holiday/Winter Concerts

14. “For the good of the Order”

- Update on electronic message boards/speed limit signs
- Best of luck to the Hanover Tigers (players, cheerleaders, coaches) trip to Canton, Ohio.
- Happy Holidays and a Happy & Healthy New Year to all.
- Next meeting: March 7, 2018.

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