

HANOVER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

PTA Advisory Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2016

Attendance: S. Furda, G. Margolis, D. Stark, C. Bellino, T. Ditore, M. Anderson, V. Conforti, M. Blanchfield, C. Tognetti, L. McCormick, K. Mullooly, D. Brennan, D. Mascolo, V. Wolsky, M. Wasko, A. Wasserman, R. Mooney

1. Recreation Summer Programs (Denise Brennan)
  - a. Summer Plus at BMS (Grades 1-6) is sold out
  - b. Traveling Teens (Grades 7-9) has 2 spots left
    - i. Parent meeting on 6/9 at 7 pm at Community Center
  - c. Fireworks will be Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 pm at Veterans Field
    - i. Raindate is 6/30
    - ii. Children dress in red, white and blue for a Patriotic Parade
  - d. Summer Concerts will be July 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and include Chicago tribute, Country and Contemporary
  - e. Kid's Triathlon will be Saturday, 7/16
    - i. Ages 4-14
    - ii. Swim/Bike/Run
    - iii. \$15 to register
  - f. Movie Night was won at convention by Denise Brennan. Contact Denise if interested in coordinating.
2. Superintendent Updates (Robert Mooney)
  - a. Alert Solutions Phase 2 for next year will allow parents to select what they want to receive
  - b. Enrollment
    - i. Slight trend down
    - ii. Kindergarten enrollment stands at
      1. BMS – 56
      2. MTV – 53
      3. SDS – 34
    - iii. Overall enrollment at MTV going down by about 10-12 with the exit of a large 5<sup>th</sup> grade class

- c. Open positions
    - i. Appointments to be made at June 14<sup>th</sup>'s BOE meeting
  - d. Thank you to the board and staff for a successful year with no real issues.
- 3. Summer Curriculum and Other Updates (Aaron Wasserman)
  - a. Upcoming Education Foundation Race for Health 5K is on June 11<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Mayor's Community Garden will be opening in Spring of 2017 near Stoney Brook
    - i. PTA involvement considered to help over the summer and potentially for PTAs to have plots
    - ii. This will be built into the curriculum to take advantage of this garden
  - c. MJS Rain Garden opening on 6/8
  - d. Summer Curriculum Focus
    - i. World Language – new textbooks to replace current ones over 10 years old
    - ii. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math/Accelerated Math books replaced
    - iii. PACT
    - iv. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning
    - v. Anti-bullying
    - vi. Next Generation Science Standards for MJS (Elementary schools will follow the following year)
  - e. K-5 Report Cards
    - i. Have been improved to include current rubric presentation and new common core standards
    - ii. Presented to BOE in May
    - iii. Referendum in June for approval
    - iv. Report cards will still be paper, transitioning to viewing online report cards, but not grades at this point.
  - f. Goal Setting
    - i. Will be covered at 6/14 BOE meeting
- 4. Board of Education Update (Steve Furda)
  - a. Appointment of Michael Anderson as Principal of MJS will also occur at 8 pm at 6/14 meeting
  - b. Thank you to Mr. Mooney and congratulations to Mr. Wasko.
- 5. Facility Projects
  - a. Summer Projects
    - i. Replace roof sections at MJS
    - ii. New intercom at BMS
    - iii. New 29 passenger van
    - iv. 60-70 interactive projectors
    - v. Hopefully, some painting
  - b. Current Projects
    - i. Portable air conditioners at 1/10<sup>th</sup> the price of installed air conditioners (\$500 vs. \$9,000) have been put in all remaining classrooms so that all classrooms are now air conditioned

1. One issue in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Salem
    2. Will continue rollout over upcoming years of installed air conditioners as well as replacements
  - ii. Tick Treatment will begin on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>
    1. Need to wait until greenery is there and then have 3 days of no rain before and 3 of no rain after
    2. Fields will be closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday and will reopen sometime Monday
  - iii. Looking at repair for MJS cement path
  - iv. Solutions for BMS playground which needs to be cleaned up
6. Crisis Plan (Greg Margolis)
  - a. Committee is meeting to revise plan based on all of the drills that happened this year
  - b. New plan will come out this summer to include various improvements in communication which are not covered in minutes to protect the school's safety
7. School Updates
  - a. Mountview Road School (Carmen Bellino)
    - i. Fun Day rescheduled to 6/10
    - ii. Grade 2 Patriotic Show on 6/9
    - iii. Grade 4 Show
    - iv. Spring concert held at MJS auditorium worked very well
    - v. Family Fun Night run by PTA at the pool
  - b. Bee Meadow School (Darrin Stark)
    - i. Spring Concert held on June 6<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Pool Party for 5<sup>th</sup> grade held on June 7<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. 5<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook party to be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>
    - iv. Grade level picnics are ongoing
    - v. Combined 5<sup>th</sup> grade awards and clap out activities this year to decrease impact to parents during work day. Will be the last day of school
    - vi. Battle of Books kickoff
  - c. Memorial Junior School (Michael Wasko)
    - i. Frog Bridge 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip was June 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - ii. 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance is June 10<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. Awards Day is June 15<sup>th</sup>
    - iv. Pool parties for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade are week of June 14<sup>th</sup>
    - v. Last 3 days of school will be half days (not just the last 2)
    - vi. Communication on 'end of year guidelines' is forthcoming
8. PTA Updates
  - a. Bee Meadow School (Tara Ditore)
    - i. Proceeds of tricky tray are being considered to fund basketball hoops, sound system in gym, projections
  - b. MountView Road (Liz McCormick)
    - i. Pool party planning is underway

9. Hanover Township Education Association (Diane Mascolo)
  - a. Chris Herren program was written up in the HTEA newsletter
  - b. Will be having a booth at the summer concerts
  - c. Thursday night Cabaret at WPHS

This is the final meeting of the 2015/2016 school year. The schedule for next year will be provided at the beginning of the school year.

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