

Hanover Township Public Schools
Office of the Superintendent

PTA Advisory Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2017

MJS Computer Lab II

Attendance: M. Wasko, C. Tognetti, T. Quirk, V. Conforti, K. Mullooly, C. Bellino, R. Camean, G. Margolis, D. Stark, A. Wasserman, A. Graepel, M. Anderson, J. Toomey, L. McCormick, K. Mullooly

1. Preliminary 2017-2018 Budget

MJW

- General Overview of budget presented and thank you to the administrative team, principals, and the business office for crunching the numbers. We strive to maintain our excellent services in this district.
- PTA Presentation Dates

2. PARCC Assessments

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- District Schedule – PARCC follows a similar format as last year. 3/27 – 5/19 is the testing window. The complete PARCC Assessment Schedule can be found on the “Parent Resources” link of the district website.

3. 2017-2018 District Calendar

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- “Approved” Copy of District Calendar was distributed.

4. “Teacher Recognition” and “Excellence in Service” Programs

MJW/RC

- Letters were distributed and have gone home. These letters seek to recognize the efforts of teaching professionals, educational service professionals and their achievements. Copies of letters will be shared with the teachers and staff.

5. Curriculum Updates

AW

Next year’s general science standards will be implemented. Bayer will be sponsoring a professional development academy for nine teachers in Montclair. BMS is piloting a program for students to science which has gone very well. Report card roll out has been smooth and have received positive feedback.

6. School Updates

MJS – Mr. Anderson introduced Mr. Justin Toomey, Assistant Principal

There will be a *Music In Our Schools* concert on 3/7. WPHS guidance counselors were at MJS for 8th grade to freshman scheduling on 2/13 & 15. The St. Jude’s mathathon raised \$12,810 (39th in the nation) last year and have already collected \$18,000 this year. The MJS building will be spruced up (leaky roof, replace ceiling tiles, common area clean up/paint). 25 students will participate in Students 2 Science on 3/9. Parent teacher conferences will be in full swing 3/7 & 3/9. 3/8 is the MJS science fair – approximately 40 groups or displays will be shown. 3/16 is a PTA meeting and 3/17 is career day with two speakers being featured. The spring musical is Peter Pan and will be showcased on 3/24 & 25. 3/4 is the steered straight day and evening parent program.

“A Community That Inspires Excellence.”

BMS – Mr. Stark talked about upcoming events which include: talent shows, field trips, spring concerts, author day, book fairs, fun day, kindergarten screening and orientation, spirit days, spelling bee, pool party for the 5th grade, conferences, spring break, take your child to work day and the MTV Tricky Tray on 5/18.

SDS – Mr. Camean spoke of how the 3M Corporation has contributed grants for robot technology and the teachers are discussing where/when/how to incorporate these into the curriculum. There was a special person’s day at SDS recently and it went very well.

MTV – Miss Bellino discussed the *One School One Book* program for March. The schools have chosen Frindle and gave an overview of the book. All three schools K-5 will be reading the books purchased by the activity funds or PTAs of the schools. The schools will be discussing the book with their students.

Department of Special Services – Mr. Margolis compiled the next enrollment and has received great feedback from parents on the preschool. A waiting list has been created.

District Crisis Coordinator, focusing on crisis response town wide and sharing resources within our community.

7. Recreation Updates

TQ

Working to build up enrollment at upcoming events such as: fishing derby, concerts, etc.

Public Safety Academy – 30 registrants covers police, fire & OEM – what its like to be involved in Emergency Services (8th & 9th grade students).

8. Update: Alert Solutions II Notification System

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9. Public Relations:

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- School & Parks Traffic Safety Advisory Committee: Instituting a bus drivers neighbor hood watch initiative of “see something say something” for the community connection.
 - WPHS “SRO” to visit MJS: the resource office is to visit 8th graders to get to know the students.
- Stoney Brook Farm & Community Garden
 - Poster Contest, Grades 3, 4, 5
 - Opening Day, May 6, 2017
- The Hanover Township Education Foundation:
 - Saturday, June 3rd: “5K Run for Health” & “One Mile Fun Walk”
- Harlem Wizards @ WPHS: Friday, April 7th

10. Board of Education Special Presentations

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- Student Recognitions, March 21st
- Budget Public Hearing, April 25th
- Teacher Recognition and Excellence in Service Award, May 16th

11. “For the Good of the Order”

- BMS Flu Update – not really an epidemic as defined by the department of health – there were some cases of flu, some strep throat, etc. Rumors in the community seemed to inflate the numbers so a letter was sent home by the school nurse.
- Snow Day Update – if no more snow days are used, the last day could be Wednesday, June 21st.
 - MJS graduation would be Tuesday, June 20th – unofficial as we could still have a snow day.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Mullooly

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