

Hanover Township Public Schools

Office of the Superintendent

PTA Advisory Meeting
October 5, 2016, 10:05 AM
MJS Computer Lab II

Minutes

Attendance: M. Wasko, V. Wolsky, R. Camean, C. Tognetti, S. Furda, K. Mullooly, V. Conforti, A. Schacherls, D. Wesbecker, A. Graepel, D. Stark, G. Margolis, D. Brennan, C. Bellino, M. Anderson

1. Welcome/Introductions

MJW

- Purpose – Opening Remarks & “thank you for attending.”
- Secretary/Meeting Minutes will be taken by MTV this year.
- Meeting Dates for this school year are: 10/5/16, 12/7/16, 3/1/17 & 6/14/17

2. Opening of School

MJW

- District Enrollment/Class Sizes as follows:
 - Total enrollment 1,445 students (+5 from projections)
 - MJS 503 Students (-5 from last year)
 - BMS 345 Students (+7 from last year)
 - SDS 270 (nearly the same as last year)
 - MTV 344 (nearly the same as last year)All class sizes are within our Board Policy recommended class size range, excluding select sections at MJS, i.e., band & chorus minis, and sixth grade world language mini classes.
- New Staff pictures were displayed on poster boards during the meeting. 13 permanent and 5 long-term substitutes.
- Facility Improvements – All schools received updates including but not limited to: a/c, phone systems, wiring, gym floor, paint, black top completion and the Viking logo.
- Technology Upgrades – 55 laptops were added for the teachers, Epson digital projects, 200 Chrome books given to MJS, carts for Chrome books and 46 ipads for the elementary schools.

3. School Updates

- Special Education (GM) – there were tech upgrades to resource rooms that included computers, ipads, & digital projectors to help instruction and assessment. Implementing a parent support for the parents of students with special needs, i.e., Hanover Special Education Parent Support Group. Added students to the lottery based inclusive preschool program. The application process for preschool will begin February 2017.
- Bee Meadow School (DS) Mr. Stark began by thanking all for the school improvements. He named many activities that the students are enjoying and taking place: field trips, student council elections, assemblies, healthy choices, battle of the books, Halloween parade, Bayer visiting the fourth grade, science makes sense, 3M donations, etc.

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- Mountview Road School (CB) Miss Bellino spoke of back to school night 9/14, PTA support, kindergarten author day, back to school breakfast sponsored by the PTA, assemblies for k-5 by Kit Interactive, movie night, spirit day, book fair, week of respect, Halloween parade and Bayer presentation 11/9.
- Salem Drive School (RC) Mr. Camean said Salem is off to a great start with 20 new students (an all time record), PTA block party, welcome back breakfast, back to school night, assembly for six pillars of character, picture day, crisis drill procedure reviews, week of respect, arms around the school event, October bus evacuation drills, student council elections, one day one school, red ribbon week, PTA book fair, conferences, Halloween parade, Bayer science lessons and patriotic day.
- Memorial Junior School (MA) Mr. Anderson is successfully navigating his transition and is in the home stretch of the assistant principal search, hosted the sixth grade open house, and the school is participating in: color games, week of respect, school safety team meetings, assembly for honoring up stander of the week, character education kick off, MJS active wear, PTA meeting, three minute passing bell, outdoor education, and the 3M donation of supplies.

4. Curriculum Updates

AW

Mr. Wasserman began by thanking the PTAs for their support

- Summer Curriculum – revised the MJS science curriculum/standards for next year elementary update/research for proper alignment to MJS aligned math curriculum. Will purchase next textbooks for MJS world language. ELA k-5 chairs to meet monthly with representative from each school to be involved.
- Elementary Report Cards to be rolled out first marking period using new format & power school data management.

5. Staff In-service Day (Monday, October 10th)

AW

- Hanover Township Educator Academy - 10 teachers to share best practices that day.

6. District Goals

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- Handout was distributed.

7. Instant Alert (Alert Solutions) Notification System

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- “Emergency” Alerts – should be receiving voice/text/emails
- “General Information” Alerts (Flyers and General Announcements)
parents have requested that non critical information be distributed after school hours
Denise => Everbridge town system for municipal announcements
- Field Test (Voice Message Alert)

8. NJASK and PARCC

DS

- Individual Score Reports (Parent Letter) have been mailed
- How are test results used to drive instruction
- 2016-2017 Testing Schedule – updated on the website MJS 3/28-4/26 and elementary schools 5/2-5/10, NJ ASK science 4&8 5/31 & 6/7
- District Testing Report, October 18th BOE Meeting

9. Recreation Updates – DB thanks all for supporting the Rec Dept

DB

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- Masquerade at Malapardis – 11 houses & 5 are spoken for. 10/29
- Chili Cook Off – Wegman’s to sponsor
- Here Comes Santa
- Community Garden Art Contest (Sign) planned to open May 2017, 120 spots to rent
- Movie night was a success

10. Board of Education: Special Presentations

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- Student recognitions as needed.
- October:
 - Audit Report
 - District Testing Report
- November:
 - EVVRS Report
- December:
 - Musical Group
- January:
 - Preliminary 2017-2018 Budget Discussion
- February:
 - Open
- March:
 - 2017-2018 Budget Presentation
- April:
 - Open
- May:
 - Teacher of the Year
 - Excellence in Service Award (Support Staff)
- June:
 - Annual HIB Report

11. General Items of Interest

- “One Day One School” Event @ SDS, Saturday, October 15th
- “One Book One School” Program
- Hanover Rotary donates Trauma Kits to all schools
- School and Park Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

12. “For the good of the Order”

13. Mr. Furda talked quickly of the Superintendent search, principal search, the search committees, and Board of Education policy reviews and updates. He also made known his appreciation of the PTAs.

Next Meeting: December 7, 2016

Minutes respectfully submitted by K. Mullooly

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