

Superintendent's Meeting

50 Nellis Drive

January 9, 2013

1. Superintendent Gonzalez opened the meeting with a Happy New Year.
2. Board Approved half days were re-announced via call and email. These will replace the professional development day that was missed in November due to Hurricane Sandy.
3. The township and the school district have been working well together through the Hurricane clean up and preparing the schools to be back in session.
4. Township and school district are also working together to insure the safety of all our children as follow-up to Newtown. Security plans are not shared openly because we would not really be secure if outsiders know the plan. Best thing to do is ask your child if they know what to do. Procedures are in place and have been practiced. The long term things that require money are being discussed. Dr. Gonzalez does not believe armed guards are the answer.
5. Bringing SRO's back to middle schools was discussed however; this was funded by grant money. If money became available we would certainly look into the option.
6. What can we do? We can educate our children to make their experience the best it can be. The Bullying, community forum is a great start. The new date is Monday, January 14th, 7:30-9:00 at Wayne Hills High School. This is a great forum for parents to learn what they need to do and what they can do to prevent bullying.
7. School volunteers who spend more than twenty hours a week in the schools are all background checked. Any volunteer coaches are also required to be background checked.
8. The survey sent district wide earlier in the school year is being reviewed. There were 1400 responses. 80% were favorable to the district however they were rated as good. There is room for improvement.
9. At the January 24th board meeting, Dr. Gonzalez will be presenting a State of the District address.
10. Site Based committee policies have been reviewed. There will be a continued presence of parent input for teacher hiring, but not at the administrative level. That is left to the public elected board of education.
11. There are principals who are coming up on retirement. In order to prepare Wayne will be advertising so we can have a database of qualified applicants should the need arise. Principals have been asked to consider timely announcements so we can prepare and replace accordingly.
12. The budget is in development. The board will be meeting at the end of the month to review if last year's goals have been met. There are many factors that go into the budget such as state mandates, need for professional development and the changes in technology.
13. The meeting concluded at 11:00 am.

Attendance:

Deb Califf – Randall Carter
Stephanie Conklin – Pines Lake
Ellen Fitzsimmons – Pines Lake
Michele Iannelli – Theunis
Linda Marchesini – AW
Lisa Minervini – SPA
Therese Potter – Packanack
Valerie McGrath – Packanack
Joyce Mirandi – WHHS
Fran Cook – Council
Leslie Fischgrund – Council
Jackie Prince – Council
Karen Marron - Council
Janine DeVecchio – Council
Maria Beilis – Council
Debbie Jozak – Lafayette
Lisa Silva –
Carolyn Radler – Fallon
Lisa O’Loughlin – Fallon
Denise Lynch – GW/RC
Mariangela Mejia - SPA