

Superintendent's Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2013
Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 10:06 am by Fran Cook and Jackie Prince.
- Jackie Prince welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming and introduced Dr. Gonzalez.
- Dr. Gonzalez suggested that future Superintendent Meetings could be held at the Preakness Bldg because the conference room has more space for all of us.
- Dr. Gonzalez distributed leadership information for administration in all school levels (elementary, middle and high schools). The Director is listed at the top with Principals and Asst. Principals for each school along with what each is responsible for as far as curriculum in the district. For each school level the district is working to make the curriculum the same at all grade levels at all schools. The goal is to have each level set up to function as one school with multiple campuses. Schools will now have better ability to share knowledge with each other. SOP's are being reviewed and revised where needed.
- There is a new Principal at Anthony Wayne. Mr. David Aulenbach will begin on Monday, September 30th.
- If parents have any concerns or issues, they should first go to their child's teacher. If necessary they should then go to their building principal. If the principal does not have an answer, the principal will follow the proper chain of command to get the answers.
- Jackie Prince asked Dr. Gonzalez to look into not just using NJAsk scores as the benchmark for getting into G&T classes. There are too many children in the district being passed up because of this. The district is doing a disservice to bright children who need to be challenged and motivated more in school. Recommendation from teachers and report card grades should be contributing factors.
- Directories are being printed by the district for all 14 schools. Building principals will be asked to send an email to all parents with a link for parents to sign up to be in the directory. The information for the directory will come from the Parent Portal, so parents will need their sign in information. Only parents who participate will receive a copy. If you choose not to have your information in the directory, you will not receive a copy. No additional copies will be printed, and no copies will be given to staff, as they have access to information through the computer system. All entries must be received by October 15th. Late responses will not be added. Elementary directories will be by class. Middle and High School directories will be alphabetical. Each school PTO will receive a list of who is in the directory that can be converted to labels for distribution. Each school PTO needs to have their extra pages and cover design sent to

waynecouncilofptos@yahoo.com no later than Friday, October 11th. That information will be organized and forwarded to the district by PTO Council on one flash drive.

- On October 7th at 7:00 pm at Wayne Valley High School there will be a Community Drug Forum regarding teen drug use as it relates to Wayne Township. Drug use is at “epidemic levels” in the township with middle school and high school students. This forum will be an eye opener for all who attend. Guest speakers will include:
 - a. Members of the Wayne Police Department
 - b. Passaic County Prosecutors Office
 - c. Judge from the Narcotics Division
 - d. An ER doctor from a local hospital
 - e. Administration
- It is imperative that we stress the importance of this forum to our friends and neighbors to attend. There will be a question and answer session for those attending after the guest speakers. This event is for parents only.
- Jackie Prince also spoke about the Reality Tour sponsored by the Wayne Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse. This will be held on October 16th at 7:30 pm at Wayne Valley High School. A flier will be sent out to elementary and middle school parents inviting 5th through 8th grade parents and students to attend. “The REALITY TOUR® provides realistic scenes about the consequences of drug use and enables you to closely witness the emotions, turmoil and grief caused by a family member choosing to use drugs. Also, included is a Q&A session with recovering teen addicts, a Wayne resident who lost a child to drugs, Wayne Police officers, and Emergency Medical Technicians”.
- Joyce Morandi spoke briefly about the “Be Proud” Program. She feels it needs to be re-introduced to the freshman classes at both high schools in the beginning of the school year.
- Linda Marchesini asked Dr. Gonzalez to have guidance counselors available at the schools when schedules are released. This will help parents and students get any problems addressed and resolved before the first day of school.
- Fran Cook reminded everyone that Candidates Night is October 8th at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building. PTO Presidents were asked to submit questions to ask the candidates. The Wayne Today will have a write up about each candidate in the next week or so.
- A motion to end the meeting at 11:44 am was made by Diane Grodidian, seconded by Susan Kresge. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Attendance:

Name:

Diane Grodidian
Stacey Nisenon
Jen Crawford
Tiffany Roth
Lisa Minervini
Karen Stack
Susan Kresge
Janine Del Vecchio
Joyce Morandi
Vicky Struyk
Lisa Silva
Karen Veale
Randi London
Vicki Lefelar
Deb Califf
Ellen Fitzsimmons
Stephanie Conklin
Therese Potter
Kimberly Gilchrist
Linda Marchesini
Rosemary Colazzo
Shannon Wolfesperger
Fran Cook
Jackie Prince
Maria Beilis

School:

Lafayette
JFK
Theunis Dey
Fallon
WSPA
WSPA
SCMS
WHHS
WHHS
GWMS
APT
Pines Lake
Pines Lake
Randall Carter
Randall Carter
Pines Lake
Pines Lake
Packanack
Fallon
AWMS
WVHS
Ryerson
Council
Council
Council & GW