

## Superintendents Meeting September 23, 2014 @ Ryerson Elementary School

Meeting was called to order at 9:33 am. Motion to waive the reading of the minutes and accept as written was made by Shannon Wolfelsperger and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Minervini.

Fran Cook thanked everyone for coming to Ryerson so she could attend the meeting. Thanked Dr. Toback and Mr. Ben-David for coming to Ryerson as well.

No Officer Reports. Jackie Prince introduced Dr. Toback.

Dr. Toback handed out a District Goals Report for 2014-2015. This was developed with Administration, the BOE, and Teachers. It was approved by the BOE.

1. **Sustaining Change:** This goal is to collaboratively develop a written change/implementation plan for the 2014-2015 school year by the end of December 2014. It addresses the multiple change initiatives that are in process and to carry out a variety of professional development activities based on staff needs. PARCC readiness training is an integral part of the plan.
2. **Post-Secondary Partnerships:** Develop programs and formal articulation agreements with local colleges and universities to allow qualified students to earn college credits while still in high school.
3. **K-8 Math Assessment:** Assess the current instructional materials used to support the elementary and middle school math programs, then budget and purchase educational materials for students and teachers in grades K-8. A significant program for professional development for teachers is part of this goal, as well as an ongoing effort to educate parents about the new program. As a result, a written and collaboratively developed implementation plan will be the second part of this goal to be completed by the close of the 2014-2015 school year.
4. **Least Restrictive Environment Analysis:** Develop a needs assessment for students with disabilities attending school in and out of district, then identify possible ways to better meet the student needs locally, in combination with learning opportunities available in general education settings when possible. The written assessment will be complete by January 2015 to allow the District to include special education program enhancements in the 2015-2016-budget process.

5. **Professional Development Institute:** The goal is to develop a professional development institute within the District facilities, creating a schedule of programs, and then share these opportunities with neighboring districts in an effort to create revenue generating professional programs.
6. **Mobile Technology:** Develop 2 different apps over the next two school years. The first app will be used for testing and learning about app development and will be created as a human resources app to assist District employees with access to important employment information and for professional development purposes. The second app will be designed primarily for the parents of the District, linking the social media accounts, District calendars and website. It will enable the District to give parents a variety of information to keep track of events and distribute emergency information.
7. **Leadership Development:** The goal is to develop a program for teaching assistant principals (TAP). This 2-year program is voluntary for both principals and teachers and there is no obligation for the District to hire employees who work their way through the program. Each principal can partner with one TAP and either party can end the partnership at any time. The TAP must adhere to the program guidelines, primarily that he or she will not miss their regularly assigned duties. This is an in house mentor program that offers continuity for school staff, parents, and children.

Dr. Toback and Mr. Ben David opened the floor for questions.

**PARCC/Common Core:**

Dr. Toback is working on a Q & A document for Common Core. He explained to the parents that even with all the uncertainty about it, the BOE had no choice and had to adopt it, as it is a state mandated curriculum. He is looking for questions from parents to be included in the document. If anyone has anything they would like submitted, they should forward their questions to PTO Council, who will compile the questions and forward to Dr. Toback and Mr. Ben-David. The floor was once again opened for a question and answer session.

**Enterovirus D68:**

Nothing to update. Please be mindful of the symptoms and keep your children home when they are sick.

**Admin Changes:**

Toni Liskiewicz, principal from Lafayette is now the Director of Secondary Education. Ms. Liskiewicz has professional experience at all levels of education. The new principal is Matt Kriley, who is coming to the District after 12 years in Manalapan. Mr. Kriley is expected to begin in Mid-October.

**Old Business:**

Jackie reminded everyone to bring their school directories to the Print Office at 50 Nellis. Please bring a hard copy as well as a pdf.

**New Business:**

Candidates Night is October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Town Hall. Please spread the word to your school population, as this is important night gives all of us an opportunity to hear personally from the candidates. Please keep in mind, that we (PTO) cannot promote any candidate or have political affiliations with any candidate. You are more than welcome to discuss your opinions as “a concerned parent”.

We stressed to Dr. Toback that parents are missing the District’s Electronic Newsletter. Dr. Toback is working on bids to bring it back.

Jen Crawford asked for an update on Full Day Kindergarten. Dr. Toback stated that the feasibility study is underway and is expected to be complete by January 2015. The District is asking parents to be mindful that it will need to figure out how to fund it, facility space issues, enrollment, and the tax levy increase cap. More information to follow once the study is complete.

Motion was made by Maryam Wolke to end the meeting at 11:14 am, seconded by Vicky Struyk.

Attendance:

Fran Cook	Council
Jackie Prince	Council
Maria Beilis	Council
Maureen Machado	Council
Jennifer Crawford	Theunis
Denise Lynch	WV
Lisa Minervini	WSPA
Mariangela Mejia	WSPA
Randi London	Pines
Jennifer Nemetz	APT and SCMS
Kimberly Gilchrist	Fallon
Vicky Struyk	GWMS
Susan Kresge	SCMS
Dana Sirot	JFK
Maryam Wolke	APT
Melissa Keenan	APT
Shannon Wolfelsperger	Ryerson
Jamie Lillis	WH
Staci Lupo	AWMS
Mary LaSala	AWMS
Terry Rigoglioso	AWMS
Leslie Dianuzzo	WH
Alexis McNamara	Randall Carter
Vicki Lefelar	Randall Carter
Jennifer McNutt	Packanack
Sue Malanga	WV
Karen Veale	Pines