



Board of Education COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Culture, Climate & Community Relations

The Culture, Climate & Community Relations Committee met on September 24, 2019 to review steps toward goals for the coming year.

- **Goal 1: Continue sharing Positive Messages in the schools:**
 - ◊ First school this year will be Conackamack
 - ◊ Committee will research Dylan's Promise for possible tie-in
 - ◊ Review schools Black History programs and look for opportunities for positive messaging
- **Goal 2: Continue building our partnerships with colleges and universities, particularly Rutgers, and develop partnerships within our community and local businesses:**
 - ◊ Review Rutgers student teacher opportunities in Piscataway
 - ◊ Review Rutgers student volunteer opportunities through DICE
 - ◊ Review Middle School Career Day opportunities
- **Goal 3: Develop and implement volunteer outreach for school and district events and other needs.:**
 - ◊ Discussion of best ways to put out a call for volunteers
 - ◊ Review current efforts at volunteer recruitment at all schools
- **New Business:** The Committee was informed that its 2018-2019 School Community Resources Brochure was awarded a second place prize in the New Jersey School Public Relations Association annual awards program under Special Interest Publications.

Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee

The Fiscal Planning & Operations Committee met on October 2, 2019 to review the audit schedule, stadium upgrades, cybersecurity, and other ongoing projects.

- 1) Audit:** Auditors have finished their onsite financial review for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.
- 2) Capital Projects:** The Committee reviewed punch list items for five capital projects that were completed over the summer: Grandview classroom addition; new entrance doors at five schools; transportation building roof; dropped ceiling installation; and paving/concrete project at PHS.
- 3) PHS Marquee:** The PHS marquee was ordered and installation is expected in November.
- 4) PHS Stadium Upgrades:** Planning is underway for Spring 2020 stadium upgrades that are ADA compliant, including new bleachers with underneath storage, entrance ramps, a new home side ticket booth and press box, new light poles and sound system, and concrete work.
- 5) Cybersecurity:** Dellicker Strategies conducted a district-wide cybersecurity assessment based on the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework. The district will now create a cybersecurity strategic plan and implement control initiatives.
- 6) Transportation:** The Business Office submitted preschool busing bid specifications to the County for approval.
- 7) Food Services:** Applications for free/reduced meals are due by October 15. The district is sending both targeted and district-wide communications to ensure eligible families are aware of and complete applications on time.

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met on October 7, 2019 to review professional development, technology integration, student achievement results, and other projects.

1) November Learning Conferences: The Committee reviewed district plans for November Learning Conferences, including timelines and district goal alignment.

2) Amistad Commission: The Committee reviewed District progress toward implementing African American studies to align with the Amistad Commission and how it ties in with QSAC (Quality Single Accountability Continuum).

3) Technology Integration: All students from grades 4-10 now have individual iPads. The Committee discussed change in mathematics over past years and how to articulate this to the community; new online resources for ELA; using technology to create and record music.

4) Student Achievement Results: The committee reviewed NJSLA results and timeline for Board presentation and parent notification

5) PHS Academies: The Committee reviewed the timeline for Middle School recruitment efforts.

6) Course review: The Committee reviewed name changes for PHS courses to reflect honors level learning.