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TO: Superintendent Parent Advisory Council

FROM: Dr. Richard R. Labbe *ALL*

DATE: 9/19/19

RE: 9/11/19 Superintendent Parent Advisory Council Meeting Follow-Up

The following is a summary of the major agreements and items discussed during the Superintendent Parent Advisory Council Meeting held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019.

- Those in attendance were:

Richard Labbe
Marilyn Shediack
Edward Aguilés
Richard Gluchowski
Anthony Esposito
Karen Rubio
Kara Schlaline

Sue Adams
Greg Jegou
Rhonda Davis
Eileen Pabon
Allison Napolitano
Eloy Fernandez
Lisa Matos

Robert Preston
Sharine Rivera
David Ritchie
Iqbal Mohammed
Aquil Mohammed
Maria Logan
Laurie Beagan

- After introducing and welcoming everyone back, we selected Allison Napolitano to be this year's President and Eloy Fernandez to be our Vice President. We also reviewed the purpose of SPAC and our attached **Meeting Ground Rules**.
- We then briefly discussed the potential referendum and scheduled our **next meeting for October 1st**, so that we (SPAC) can join our **Blue Ribbon Committee** in the first of what will be several joint meetings. We discussed that the district has identified five different construction project domains for each school, including Selover, that would potentially be included in the referendum, based upon the feedback that we hope to receive from the SPAC and Blue Ribbon Committees, as well as the entire school district community. Likewise, the district created and will be presenting five different potential referendum options that would also be presented to the public via SPAC, Blue Ribbon, PTO, faculty, and other meetings, along with a survey to determine the one in which we would obtain the most community support for. During our meeting on October 1st, Dr. Labbe will review in detail each construction domain, referendum option, the presentation he will use to communicate the referendum ideas to the community, along with the survey he will use to obtain community input, so that he can ascertain your feedback on each. However, as we stressed during the meeting, while we encourage you to share this information with your constituents, please limit your comments to what is noted above so as to not create confusion.
- Along with October 1st, below please find the other 2019-20 school year meeting dates that we selected. Remember that unless noted otherwise, all meetings will be held in the Selover Conference Room at 7 pm.

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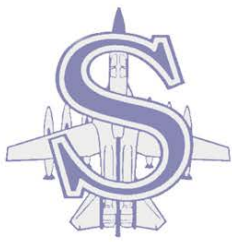


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Private/Public	Meeting Dates	Location	Time
Private	September 11, 2019	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM
Public	October 1, 2019	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM
Private	November 13, 2019	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM
Private	December 11, 2019	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM
Private	January 22, 2020	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM
Private	February 26, 2020	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM
Public	March 25, 2020	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM
Private	May 27, 2020	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM

- We then reviewed the new major indoor and outdoor athletic and school related event security procedures. As per our discussion, while we will not make any monumental changes to our major outdoor athletic, co-curricular, and other school related events security procedures, such as using the portable metal detectors to screen visitors, we will continue to prohibit any bags from being brought into them, with the exception of parents caring for infants or people with serious medical conditions. However, we will be increasing the number of Campus Security Monitors (CSM) present at these events for the purpose of checking for bags and searching those of the people who are applicable to the aforementioned special circumstances, as well as to randomly screen visitors with wands. Furthermore, we will still continue to use the portable metal detectors for major indoor events.
- Dr. Shediack and Mr. Gluchowski proudly informed the Council that last week the Sayreville Middle School application for admission into the National Junior Honor Society was accepted. Therefore, later in this year they will begin the selection of the first cohort of 7th and 8th grade students.
- We discussed making the SWMHS Fall Drama and Spring Musical productions activities worthy of the students participating in and making significant contributions to the success of eligible to receive SWMHS varsity letters. Thus, during the next BOE Governance Committee Meeting, we will revise the policy governing the distribution of varsity letters to reflect this and then ask the BOE to adopt the changes at the next two BOE meetings.
- We discussed the Preschool Expansion Aid that we received and how we will utilize it this year to provide a free preschool education for all existing students in our current full and half day programs, as well as about 35-40 additional students; and in the future, in which we will do the same for all eligible three and four year old children in Sayreville. As per our discussion, we have until October 1st to prepare for implementation of the program plan that we submitted with our application. The plan, essentially allows us to keep our current and full day programs in place for the remainder of this



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school year. However, as per the plan, we will be making the two half day Little Stars classes at Selover into four full day classes. In addition, we will open several classes at Acelero, the organization that provides free Headstart preschool for fiscally eligible for 3 and 4 year old children in Sayreville at the old Cardinal McCarrick High School in South Amboy. Finally, we will open a class at Garden and Friends in Sayreville. Since transportation for all students in our in-district classes and those at Acelero and Garden and Friends was also in our plan and budget, all students will be bussed to and from their respective school. Lastly we discussed how October 8th we will tour the old St. Mary's Elementary School, which is attached to the aforementioned old Cardinal McCarrick High School, for the propose of discussing the possibility of leasing it during the 2020-21 school year from the Metuchen Arch Diocese.

- We concluded the meeting by discussing some transportation concerns that were expressed to administration and Council members during the first couple of weeks of school. Although some parents have expressed concerns regarding the efficiency of some of our larger busses, and that of our vans, much of the negative feedback that we have received has revolved around the need for more subscription busses. According to Dr. Labbe, some busses from Durham needed to be doubled up at the middle school, which naturally created delays there and at some elementary schools. They needed to be doubled up because Durham, who is the district's largest vendor, is understaffed by about a half dozen drivers. Durham is also the subscription-bussing provider for our students in the middle school and high school who are not eligible for free transportation. They were actually the only vendor that was interested in doing such. Although they are currently transporting about 250 students from the high school with five busses, and 150 from the middle school with three busses, there are still about 30 or more children from the middle and high school, whose parents for one reason or another did not pay for their subscription in time to get a seat. Thus, they are on a waiting list. While we have made several attempts to convince Durham to provide another subscription bus for the middle school, they have thus far declined because of their current shortage in drivers.

Additionally, Dr. Labbe explained that we are still experiencing some delays with a couple of our vans, which transport our children with disabilities who require specialized transportation. Essentially the delays are common for the beginning of a school year because many of the students on them require assistance boarding and exiting our busses, particularly those in wheel chairs, which can result in a van taking several minutes to load or unload them per stop. In addition, if parents are not outside waiting for their children when the vans are dropping them off, this too results in delays. Furthermore, since our vans are performing three runs (high school, middle school/SUES, and elementary school) per morning and afternoon, a delay on one or more of them results in delays for the next one. Dr. Labbe concluded by stating that Mr. Knaster, the Director of Pupil-Special Services, will be working collaboratively with Ms. Howell, the Director of Transportation, and the child study teams to better define the two pick-up and drop-off options currently offered to our students with disabilities in their IEPs based upon their needs, which are "curb-side" and "door to door." The latter requires either a staff member or parent to take the child from the door of the bus to the door of his or her home. In such cases, the van will park in front of the home, unless it is unable to for safety reasons. Conversely, unless the child is grades K-2, a parent does not need to be present for "curb-side" pick up or drop off.



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As a result, while these children will be picked up/dropped off in close proximity of their residence, they may not be dropped off/picked up directly in front of it.

Thank you so much for your leadership, and commitment and dedication to ensuring the students in the Sayreville Public schools. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me. Our next meeting, which will be **open to the public**, will be held on **Wednesday, October 1st at 7 pm in the Selover Conference Room.**

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CC: K. Ciak, BOE President