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TO: Superintendent Parent Advisory Council

FROM: Dr. Richard R. Labbe *ALL*

DATE: 6/27/18

RE: 6/19/18 Superintendent Parent Advisory Council Meeting Follow-Up

The following is a summary of the major agreements and items discussed at our first Superintendent Parent Advisory Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

- Those in attendance were:

Richard Labbe
Marilyn Shediack
Edward Aguiles
Eric Glock-Molloy
Richard Gluchowski
Anthony Esposito

Karen Rubio
Carmen Davis
Rhonda Davis
Jaime Mandel
Eileen Pabon
Krista Pelliceia

Allison Napolitano
Victoria Haney
Eloy Fernandez
Lisa Matos

- After welcoming everyone and making proper introductions, those present elected next year's parent **President**, which will be **Eileen Pabon**, and **Vice President**, **Allison Napolitano**. Congratulations Eileen and Allison!
- The council then agreed upon the following set of ground rules to ensure effective decision-making and communication by each member.
 1. When the council needs to vote on something, a motion to do so needs to be made by a member and seconded by another. After that, all in favor, opposed, and abstaining will make a verbal vote. When voting on sensitive matters, in order to maintain council member confidentiality, a silent vote will be made after a motion is approved for such.
 2. Council members will do their best to not schedule their parent group meetings or activities on SPAC meeting dates.
 3. Council members must commit to attending all meetings or to sending a delegate when they are unable to do so.
 4. Up to two representatives from any parent group represented on the council can participate in meetings.
 5. All council members must participate in and be given the opportunity to contribute to council discussions. Therefore, council members will not "take the microphone or talking stick" from others while they are talking.
 6. "Vegas Rules" (what we say in the meeting, stays in the meeting room) will apply to all nonpublic council meetings for all discussions designated as being confidential.

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- 7. The “48 Hour Rule” will apply when one council members says anything that offends or concerns another. Thus, the council member who is offended or bothered by the verbal or nonverbal expressions of another, has two days to respectfully and appropriately address the other member about the matter or they have to forget about it.
- 8. We will do our best to have meeting summaries translated into Spanish.
- After that, we scheduled our next meeting date, which will be **September 12th** and agreed that we will meet once a month during the school year, except in November, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. In addition, while most council meetings will be closed to the public, during the months of October and April, we decided that we will also hold public meetings for all parents to attend. Below please find the tentative 2018-19 meeting schedule.

Private/Public	Meeting Dates	Location	Time
Private	September 12, 2018	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM
Public	October 10, 2018	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM
Private	December 12, 2018	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM
Private	January 8, 2019	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM
Private	February 13, 2019	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM
Private	March 13, 2019	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM
Public	April 10, 2019	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM
Private	May 8, 2019	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM
Private	June 12, 2019	Selover Conference Room	7:00 PM

- We then discussed fundraising. Some members expressed concern about the mounting pressure and financial burden that some fundraising efforts are placing on families in Sayreville. However, others expressed the need for additional funds in order to supplement what the district is unable to provide their child(ren)’s school or program. Furthermore, those same members pointed out the very generous donations of equipment, resources, and materials that have been purchased throughout the years with funds raised. We will discuss this more during subsequent meetings.
- We discussed Springboard, the current patron that provides before and after care services to the parents of students in the elementary school, upper elementary school, and middle school. The Superintendent reported to the council that next year Springboard will also be located at the middle school so that middle school students no longer have to receive services at Samsel and then either be bussed to and/or from the middle school there. He also noted that while he has received some complaints about Springboard, there are currently over 600 students receiving before and/or after care



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services from them, and over 500 of those students are receiving such on a full time basis.

Nevertheless, members of the council did express that they have received negative comments from parents about Springboard, particularly parents of preschool children and students with intellectual, behavioral, and developmental disabilities. One member suggested that we explore with the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) the possibility of creating a program supported by their funding in Sayreville for our students with disabilities. Nevertheless, while he stated the he will explore that with DDD, the Superintendent also indicated that sometime in the fall, he may hold a function in which parents have the opportunity to learn more about and provide input on Springboard and other before and after care providers before determining which patron to select for the 2019-20 school year.

- The Superintendent reminded the council that all Bomber Blasts and information sent out to parents via students must be approved by his office before distribution. Concern was expressed about some parent not receiving the Bomber Blasts. The Superintendent stated that the district sends Bomber Blasts and all broadcast emails and phone calls via the contact information that parents provide the district in InfoSnap. Therefore, if parents do not complete the required enrollment updates or do not report any changes made to their contact information, they may not be receiving any information from the district.
- The Superintendent asked the council members to encourage their parent groups to continue to invite him to speak at least once a year at a PTO/Booster Club Meeting. Not only can he share important and timely information during such to parents, he can also answer any and all questions that they may have about the district.
- Finally, the Superintendent asked the council members to urge their parent groups to send him information and pictures pertaining to group functions so that the can publicize them in his weekly Talk Sup broadcast memo to the school community.
- The council members representing Sayreville PROUD informed the council that they will be holding their second annual Resource Fair on November 1, 2018 in the Samsel Upper elementary School Cafeteria. They also expressed the need for vendors and volunteers.

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 will be on **Wednesday, September 12th at 7 pm in the Selover Conference Room.**

Until then, have a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

RRL

CC: K. Ciak, BOE President