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TO: Superintendent Parent Advisory Council

FROM: Dr. Richard R. Labbe *RLC*

DATE: 3/4/18

RE: 2/13/19 Superintendent Parent Advisory Council Meeting Follow-Up

Thanks to Dr. Shediack, who took copious notes during the meeting, the following is a summary of the major agreements and items discussed during the Superintendent Parent Advisory Council Meeting held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

- Ms. Brown, Director of Food Services, and Ms. Mannino, Assistant Director of Food Services, discussed the long lines and lunch serving efficiency in the elementary schools, especially at Samsel. Members of the Council made some suggestions that Ms. Brown said she would do a “soft roll-out” of. The suggestions included additional registers, and ways for the students to better see and grab their lunch choices.
- Mr. Glock-Molloy reported that he was anticipating the BOE appointment of the new district School Safety & Security Specialist during the February 19th BOE Business Meeting. He also indicated that the district is hoping to add full time campus security monitors in order to assist in the metal detection screening of all students at SWMHS and SMS. Likewise, he also expressed that the district is looking to add one or two part-time campus security monitors for evening events. Finally, Mr. Glock-Molloy shared that very soon all adults and students will be required to wear badges on lanyards and that there will be specific colors for the following groups so that they can be easily identified: staff, substitutes, PTO/volunteers, and other visitors. He noted that student IDs and swipes will be issued to student at the high school and middle school beginning in March or April.
- Dr. Shediack and Mr. Glock-Molloy provided a brief overview of the Curriculum & Instruction and the Technology items in the proposed 2019-2020 School District Budget. Likewise, they also discussed some of the items that were cut and that they are hoping will be restored.
- Mr. Glock-Molloy discussed the difference between the Sayreville attendance policy (#5113) and the NJ Department of Education (NJDOE) policy regarding absences. He provided handouts of the policies and a side-by-side comparison of both. As per what he said, there are only five reason that an absence can be considered “excused” by the state: college visit, religious observance, Take Our Child to Work Day, Veterans Day and closure of a busing district that prevents a student from having transportation to school. In addition, he stated that according to the NJDOE regulations, a physician’s note does not excuse an absence. He explained that this is the reason why parents are now receiving attendance letters when their children reach a certain number of missed school days and the consequences for chronic absenteeism, especially at the high school level.
- Dr. Shediack reported that a decision was made recently regarding how parents of elementary and upper elementary school students can view their child’s assignment grades in the Oncourse standards-based grading online platform. As per this decision, teachers in grades K-5 will be permitted to either post assignment grades in the Oncourse portal in real-time or instead can send home graded work. Additionally,



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it was decided that progress reports will be sent home to only students who are struggling. However, report cards will still be available online.

- Dr. Aguiles reported that the upcoming Parent University Workshop, which will take place on February 25th at 7:00 in the HS Media Center, will feature a presentation on District Technology Resources.

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 held on **Wednesday, March 13th at 7 pm in the Selover Conference Room.**

RRL

CC: K. Ciak, BOE President

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