



Advocacy and Community Engagement Committee Meeting

Pelham Public Schools

Hutchinson Elementary School - PD Center

Friday, October 21, 2022

8:30 a.m.

The mission of the Community Engagement and Advocacy Committee is to evaluate and improve two way communication with the community and to advocate for the educational interests of our students and public education.

District Members: Dr. Cheryl Champ and Alex Wolff

Board Committee Chair: Jessica DeDomenico

Board Members: Will Treves and Natalie Marrero

Community Members: Michael Morgan, Diane Otter, Kate Pringle, Lynda Banfield, Jennifer Hawks Bland, Nandini Anandu, Liza Schaeffer, Dina Mangiafridda

1) Introductions

2) Work of the Committee- Subcommittees

- **Advocacy** (*Dr. Champ, Natalie Marrero*)- The advocacy subcommittee will explore ideas for the District's annual advocacy campaign to launch during the NYS State Budget process. This subcommittee will draft an advocacy letter and make recommendations for how best to spearhead the annual community letter writing campaign.

- **Community Engagement** (*Jessica DeDomenico*)- The community engagement subcommittee will make recommendations for how to build better understanding and partnership with the Pelham community through various in-person events.

● **Communications Review** (*Alex Wolff, Will Treves*) -The communications program review committee will review the results of the Communications Program Analysis RFP and provide feedback during the analysis process.

3) Focus around the Question: What Does Academic Excellence Mean to You?- World Cafe Discussion in Community; Way in which this committee will help

4) Brainstorming for BOE Coffee Structure: meeting times? Days? Location? Frequency?

5) What's Next? (Discuss our meeting dates for the year; follow-up email with subcommittee sign-ups; sub-committees will begin meeting within a week)