

PTA Advisory Meeting October 7, 2020

-Welcome/ Introduction from all in attendance: Michael Wasko, Aaron Wasserman, Allyson Vitale, Andrew Graepel, Evan Markensohn, Carmen Camean, Christina Cronkite, Christine Amoresano, Christopher Kelly, Darrin Stark, Gloria Fulman-Lateiner, Greg Margolis, Jacob Zeigler, Maria Carrell, Michael Anderson, Rob Camean, Robin Gold, Salvatore Azzarello, Thomas Gaveglio, Valerie Conforti, Vanessa Wolsky

-District Mission Statement and District Goals

.Mr. Wasko states that our number 1 goal Successfully re-open our schools. District restart committees and school pandemic teams played a large part in this. We have opened schools successfully and managing everything as it comes.

-Support Virtual teaching and offer to families

3.Opening of School- Develop a plan to meet the needs of the changing student population.

There is an Impact on schools with new developments throughout the towns. A public presentation of demographic study was completed in late spring. A report will be presented at the November BOE meeting. Copies of report are currently on district website.

Total district enrollment: 1327

MJS 475 students 88% in person, 12% remote

BMS 312 83% in person, 17% remote

MTV 285 76% in person, 24 % remote

SDS 255 84% in person, 16% remote

Currently, all classes fall within the Board's "desirable class size" range, i.e., K-3: 18-22 students per class; Grades 4-8: 21-25 students per class

On the K-5 level class sizes range from 8-14 students and on the middle school level (using the hybrid A/B cohort model) class sizes range 8-10 students per section. All class sizes are well below our District's desirable class size policy. (18-22 students per section in grades K-3, and 21-25 students per section in grades 4-8)

Thank you to co-ordinated teachers and PACT level teachers who took these on these responsibilities Hand sanitizing and other things put into place.

Student Absences: Hanover had people commit to in person or virtual learning. Asked for people to be all in for either option. We will adhere to requests to change from one to the other by marking period basis.

Questions if child is sick and needs to be home, can they tap in to virtual.

Do not want parents to feel pressure of sending kids to school with symptoms. Possible for kids to attend virtually. Looking to make a districtwide rules and code. A code for credit. We cannot expect kids to be on when kids are sick. If home sick, children may tap into the virtual livestream if needed. Will not hold against the students. If people try to take advantage, and a pattern is found, this will be taken care of on a case by case basis.

2 main items would have prevented the district from opening:Health metric data, and staffing.

We have both without compromising staff and all who work and attend school. HS district and K-8 are different because the need of certification to teach each subject.

Restart and recovery plan was approved by theNJDOE on 8/24/20. Revised some BOE policies. Student chrome book 1:1 Internet extended to help remote and virtual learning.

-Reimagined and redesigned buildings/classrooms/offices:

- Various Social Distancing Floor Decals, Markings, and Signage
- Automatic Hand Sanitizer Stations (Wall mounted & stand-alone (dispensers)
- Student Desk Shields (PreK-5)
- Teacher Rolling Shields (125 units PreK-8)
- Main Office Desk & Counter Shields

Air scrubbers/purifiers Various PPE Supplies:

- Adult and child size face coverings
- Nitrile exam gloves
- Multi-purpose alcohol wipes/hand sanitizer bottles for all classrooms
- Face Shields (Over 100 face shields)

New Cleaning & Disinfecting Procedures

- Purchased additional electromagnetic sprayers

Transportation Department:

- Air purifiers on our busses
- New Seating Arrangements for Students

Google apps for education

Revised and enhanced district distance learning plan- more structure and accountability. Set up to Seamlessly pivot to 100% virtual.

Buildings and grounds wipes provided to every classroom.

QSAC Quality Single Accountability Continuum monitoring process – monitors public schools in 5 key areas: instruction and Program, Fiscal, Governance, Personnel and Operations

School districts throughout New Jersey are formally monitored by the Department of Education every three years. This year Hanover Township's is scheduled to be "formally" monitored. Monitoring process will be done virtually and virtual site visits from the state of NJ

Main focus has been daily operations and will move forward with the QSAC.

Curriculum Updates- Aaron Wasserman

Mr. Wasserman thanked Mr. Wasko for his leadership in opening the district.

During the Summer months the teachers worked to revise math k-5, and worked through the summer to train themselves on all virtual/hybrid teaching. New territory for all and there were no practices or book or how to.

New teachers and staff to work with all changing positions to make sure everyone had the tools. 9 new teachers. 5 brand new to our district.

- technology department 1:1 chrome book initiative. Vanessa Wolsky played a large part to get things done.
- Digital resources march – October change structure of meetings and social developments. Teachers Communicating on
 - IXL - Math 4-8 and Science 6-8
 - See Saw - PreK-3 and Self Contained
 - EdPuzzle - District
 - Screen Castify - District

- Smart Music - Music District
- Quaver Music - Music K-5
- Nearpod - District
- Envision 2020 – K-5
- Classkick - 6-8
- Generation Genius - 6-8 Science
- Kodable - K-5 Technology
- Learning City (Spelling City)

Special Education and Parent Advisory: Greg Margolis

Parent Advisory Group- Please help get the word out about the group through email, etc. There was a virtual parent presentation in May. Many parents attended
New virtual sessions scheduled

11/4/20 7pm

2/10/21 11:30am

5/12/21 7pm

Parents are completing a survey to find interest in topics.

Parent Steering committee to help plan for the sessions

District Testing Updates: Darren Stark

NJSLA testing currently on hold. No updates on dates for the spring. TBD

In View cognitive grades 3 and 6 also on hold. A paper based test

Will be shared via district website and Swift k-12 system

Recreation Updates:

Drive In movie event for Halloween Call Rec department for more information.

A&C classes and other limited

More information will be sent out weekly

BMS PTA- Updates

Budgeting adapted supports for health office and teacher grants

Spiritwear drive – new items

find ways to engage the community to find events to have in covid year

BMS- Mr. Stark

Schools and reopening navigate through this world

BTSN tonight first virtual

Weather cooperated well kids go outside for PE, mask breaks outside.

MTV PTA- Robin Gold

We were finally able to hold our Tricky Tray on 10/1/20. Thanks to the amazing support of Mrs. Camean, and Mr. Wasco, we were finally able to hold our Tricky Tray social distance style. Our original date was April 30th. A new kindergarten parent last year, Chrissy Gosford volunteered to house

all the basket items and it was in her house for over 7 months. Our Tricky Tray co-chairs, Rose Carroll and MaryJo Rizzitello researched other tricky trays and were in close contact with the state. They created the Outdoor Walkthrough Tricky Tray based on state and township guidelines. We live streamed the pulling of tickets and calling of winning numbers. This event was made possible because of our many parent volunteers and people in our community who attended so thank you to all.

MTV PTA has had to recreate their budget this year and think outside the box with new socially distance fundraisers. We are also working with some local businesses to partner and fundraise.

Richard's Farm to Table for the Mums Sale

Various restaurants including Mimi's Too.

MTV Mrs. Camean-Support for the Tricky Tray thank you to PTA and general community past and present. Kids and families in line with general procedures. Everyone adapting and a team effort. Pleased to be back.

MJS – Valerie Conoforti

Meeting among PTA representatives in summer. Only one board position was filled. Talked about rebuilding or dissolving PTA. An email sent to every active MJS PTA member. Valerie was available to do one term as president, and held special election on September 29th.

The new board is working to update bylaws etc.

They held a successful activewear over the summer to 6th graders. Vendor prepackaged and labeled, and porch pick up. Handing over to new volunteer and sale.

Share fundraising efforts with every PTA. Working on communication for this year.

Alyson Vitale VP

MJS Mr. Anderson- glad to get the PTA continuing and looking forward to their support.

Thanks to parents, students, teachers for ability to open and allow for children to be in the building.

MJS BTSN was last week. Pre recorded remarks and transition to live presentations with teachers.

Great feedback.

Regional HS District – Maria Carrell

As of Sept 1st went virtual. Every intention was to open. Some staffing concerns.

Certifications in certain subjects were hard to cover. HVAC systems. An Industrial Hygienist was brought in and moving forward to meet their recommendations.

11/13 hope to reopen in hybrid form

Athletics and extra curricular activities are open

Thanks to parents in community for showing flexibility allowing in fluid situation

Chris Kelly

Due to CoVID 19 restrictions, they ask that Middle school kids do not attend Football games on Friday evenings. Trying best to get kids to school soon.

Salem: Rob Camean

Teacher of the Year Nomination process. Get letters in if want to recognize teachers and staff

Currently have over 50 nominations. It is great to reflect on a teacher

Salem drive school- a joy to be back. Great to see children in the school.

All elementary schools this week: week of respect a variety of activities and a virtual assembly.

Salem PTA -

Luncheon for the teachers a grab and go

Providing t-shirts for "Salem Drive Strong"

Virtual assemblies- funding the one for week of respect

Annual mums sales
Glazed and Confused Donut sale

Board of Education

November Demographic Studies Report
December Teacher of the Year

Salvatore Azzarello- BOE

Great job to all

Applied for a grant with 3M corporation and have been approved. To engage students in technology in applied sciences.

Carol Tognetti- BOE thanks to all who were in committees and Mr. Wasko over summer who made school happen. Mr. Wasko its a team effort.

General Items of Interest- Michael Wasko

-Nominations for the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year and Excellence in Service Award Recognitions still being accepted

-Election Day, November 3rd, ALL Schools Closed

-Based on the most recent rankings by the national publication Education Week.....for the second straight year, New Jersey has the number one public schools in the nation.....Kudos to all of our administrators, teachers, and staff for all of their hard work and effort in working with our students day in and day out to inspire excellence. It is truly a team effort.

Congratulations to the board and HTEA: A tentative agreement has been reached and they are working to have contract ratified.