



Committee Report

Committee Name:

Parent Engagement & Student Life Committee Meeting

August 16, 2021

Location	Date	Time
Virtual	August 16, 2021	5:35p.m.- 6:36p.m.
Board Members		
Committee Chair, Shayvonne Anderson	A'Dorian Murray-Thomas	
Josephine Garcia		
District Liaison & Superintendent Representative		
Carolyn Granato, Assistant Superintendent	Samantha Lott- Velez, Assistant Superintendent	
Other District Staff		
Michelina Thornton , Parent Engagement		
Guests		
Meeting Summary		
<p>Comments:</p> <p>Shayvonne Anderson, Committee Chair commenced the August Parent Engagement and Student Life Committee Meeting at 5:35 p.m.</p> <p>Committee Chair Anderson began with the Parent Engagement Tour. She suggested hosting the tour in late September so that parents get the most current information and have all of their questions and concerns addressed. All agreed to this date.</p> <p>Chair Anderson introduced Michelina Thornton from Parent Engagement for updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent University Update After reviewing parent feedback surveys from last year's Parent University the following changes will occur: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parent University will offer different series and sessions similar to a college course catalog. 2. The series would include: Orientation to Newark Board of Education; Technology; Curriculum & Instruction; Health & Wellness; Social Emotional Learning & Mental Health; High School/Post-Secondary; Parenting; General Studies; & Skill Development 		

- **Newark Workforce and NBOE Partnership:** In an effort to continue to support Newark residents, especially those who are struggling with unemployment, launched a program called “SkillUp”. **SkillUp is a free platform for vocational training and skill development consisting of over 6,000 free courses available FREE to all Newark residents.**

Chair Anderson introduced Carolyn Granato for Student Support Service updates:

Newark Board of Education Staff Support Group: Beginning September 15-December 22 the Office of Student Life will provide a Staff Support Group for our employees. Sessions will run biweekly from 5:15pm-6:15pm.

Newark Museum and Conflict Resolution: High School Social Worker 2 and School Counselors will identify and refer students, who meet criteria for trauma to Arts Therapy Intervention Program for NBOE high school students. The weekly program will take place offsite at the HUBB located on 135 Prince Street during after school hours. We are currently in the process of exploring bus tickets for students.

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:36pm.

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