



## Committee Report

### Parent Engagement & Student Life Committee Meeting

December 13, 2021

Location	Date	Time
Virtual	December 13, 2021	5:37pm- 6:34pm
<b>Board Members</b>		
Committee Chair, Shayvonne Anderson	Dawn Haynes, Board President	
Josephine Garcia	A 'Dorian Murray-Thomas	
<b>District Liaison &amp; Superintendent Representative</b>		
Carolyn Granato, Assistant Superintendent		
<b>Other District Staff</b>		
Michelina Thornton , Parent Engagement	Havier Nazario, Chief of Staff	
Nicole T. Johnson, Deputy Superintendent		
Shamere Williams, Office of the Deputy Superintendent		
<b>Guests</b>		
<b>Meeting Summary</b>		
<p>Comments:</p> <p>Shayvonne Anderson, Committee Chair commenced the December Parent Engagement and Student Life Committee Meeting at 5:36 p.m. Chair Anderson asked the committee to select one of the 3 dates given by Homeland Security for the Sex/Human Trafficking presentation to the PESL Committee. The committee agreed that all three dates were needed to accommodate the committee. President Dawn Haynes suggested that NBOE partner with the City of Newark, training will occur in February of 2022.</p> <p>Committee Chair Anderson revisited the services for pregnant students in our schools, the committee discussed current services and requested additional information and data.</p> <p>Committee Chair Anderson introduced the program 365 Academy, this organization provides mentoring for black boys, “Black Boys Need Believers” is this organization’s motto. Chair Anderson asked the committee to visit their website and provide feedback at the next PESL meeting.</p> <p>Chair Anderson introduced Director Michelina Thornton for Office of Parent Engagement updates.</p>		

## **Title I Conference data/feedback**

- 765 registered people for the event
- Created system of Gold, Silver Bronze for schools
  - **Gold Status:** American History – 40, First Avenue – 26, Weequahic – 22, Chancellor - 12, Belmont Runyon – 10
  - **Silver Status:** Science Park - 9, Abington Avenue – 9, Benjamin Franklin – 8, Lafayette – 8, Park Elementary – 7, Hawthorne – 7, Harriet Tubman – 6, Ridge Street – 6
  - **Bronze Status:** Ann Street – 5, Louise A. Spencer – 5, Luis Munoz Marin – 5, Ivy Hill – 5, Oliver Street -5, Technology High – 5, Arts High – 5
- Based on survey feedback, the average satisfaction score amongst respondents was 4.7/5.
- Most highly attended sessions: Judge Pratt Keynote, Career Exploration through Naviance, Connect for Respect - Importance of Parent Groups, Cooking Matters at the Store, Build & Decorate your Emotional Home, Autism Awareness, Power Up your Child’s Genius & Come Sign with Me (ASL)
- Comments: *Thorough, Provided guidance, Great tips, EXCELLENT, Something for everyone. I know I’m not alone. I feel hopeful.*

Chair Anderson introduced Carolyn Granato for Student Support Service updates:

- FAFSA workshop session with parents
- OSL in collaboration with the Office of Extended Learning has partnered to offer one-on-one FAFSA supports to our parent and guardians of the class of 2022
- OSL provided Parent University presentation [“Transition to High School: Parent Guide for Eighth Graders”](#)
- OSL provided Parent University presentation “Naviance for High School Parents”
  
- Monthly FAFSA support for parents and guardians in both English and Spanish
- December 15, 2021 - Parent University on summer opportunities for 2022
- OSL PD for SST & I&RS on November 29th.
- December 8, 2021 - McKinney-Vento Resource Hour (Family Assistance Resource Center)
- November 18, 2021 - Mental Health Training Series
- December 4, 2021 - Title I Parent Conference Virtual Presentations

- December 20, 2021-OSL Staff Development Day (Topics-RethinEd Mental Wellness, ReThinkEd Human Trafficking, and College Admissions Post Covid)

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:34pm.

#### Grant Opportunities

- Quest Bridge National College Match
  - Through this college and scholarship application process, students can apply for free to the nation's best colleges and be considered for early admission and a full four-year scholarship from the college
  - Class of 2022 had 45 applicants
  - Three received scholarships:
    - Bard High School Early College Newark
      - Aude Djifanou (Boston College)
    - Science Park High School
      - Luis Guaman (Princeton)
      - Daniela Palacios (Columbia)
- Project Prevent Grant implementation is continuing in the next 6 schools
- Outreach to additional mental health partners is underway to provide support and services to NBOE students
  
- Fall 2021 FAFSA Parent Workshops - session begins at 5:00pm
  - Wednesday, December 8, 2021 (English Version)
  - Wednesday, December 15, 2021 (Spanish Version)
- Virtual parent meetings being planned to complete the HS Application – TBD

#### **Partnerships:**

- Project FEED - plans to expand to more schools in Spring
- Malcolm Jenkins Foundation - Financial Literacy
- Montclair University - Dual Enrollment program
- Special Olympics - Unified Champion Schools NJRD and 14th Avenue

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting @ 6:48p.m.