



Committee Report

Committee Name:

Parent Engagement & Student Life Committee Meeting

November 15, 2021

Location	Date	Time
Virtual	November 15, 2021	5:37pm- 6:34pm
Board Members		
Committee Chair, Shayvonne Anderson	Dawn Haynes, Board President	
Josephine Garcia	A 'Dorian Murray-Thomas	
District Liaison & Superintendent Representative		
Carolyn Granato, Assistant Superintendent		
Other District Staff		
Michelina Thornton , Parent Engagement		
Nicole T. Johnson, Deputy Superintendent		
Shamere Williams, Office of the Deputy Superintendent		
Guests		
Meeting Summary		
<p>Comments:</p> <p>Shayvonne Anderson, Committee Chair commenced the November Parent Engagement and Student Life Committee Meeting at 5:34 p.m. Chair Anderson asked the committee for feedback regarding the review of the Parent Engagement Tour. The committee agreed that the next Parent Tour will be in person.</p> <p>Committee Chair Anderson recommended the committee discuss the topic “Sex Trafficking”. Chair Anderson shared her grave concern regarding our students and asked that the committee attend a workshop with Prosecutor’s Office or FBI to acquire current data and information. She stated, “Information and data shared by law enforcement will assist the committee in creating policy.” Ms. Granato shared that a date is forthcoming.</p> <p>Chair Anderson asked the committee to openly discuss “Parenting Classes” for pregnant students. The committee offered feedback; Board President, Dawn Haynes, recalled a past program at West Side High School that occurred during</p>		

lunch. The students were invited however; it was not mandatory for them to attend. President Haynes believed this type of program is needed and should also include the future fathers. Various times and dates were discussed, Chair Anderson asked for this item to be added to the December PSEL Agenda. Chair Anderson introduced Director Michelina Thornton for Office of Parent Engagement updates.

- Parent Liaison Professional Development- Nov. 16
 - Areas of focus include: Parent Portal, Title I Conference, Building Relationships with Stakeholders and Schools Action Plans
- Liaison Latest Newsletter
 - Bi-weekly publication sent out to all parent liaisons with information on current events and relevant topics to assist and inform parents
- Office hours set up to meet the needs of parent liaisons. Daily from 1-2pm.
 - **Parent University**
 - Transition to High School: Parent Guide for Eighth Graders
 - Naviance for High School Parents
 - McKinney Vento training for homeless, displaced and foster children
 - Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying (HIB)
 - **Parent University - [November Calendar](#)**
 - Nov. 16 - Health and Wellness Workshop, SNAP -Ed
 - Nov. 17 - Adult Guardianship, Essex County Surrogate Court
 - Nov. 29, Dec. 1 - Series, Navigating Through Grief and Loss, Good Grief
 - **Title I Parent Conference**
 - Dec 4, 9:30am-3pm - To register <https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/parent-conference>
 - SWAG bags for first 500 who register and complete form
 - Over 20 sessions in multiple languages

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.

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