

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ADMINISTRATION OFFICES
MEETING DATE: APRIL 14, 2011 7:00 P.M.

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

14 APRIL 2011

Community Advisory Committee Members Present: Richard Jordan, Richard Niederberger, Dave Plank and Eric Powers

Administration Present: Mike Ognosky

Board Members Present: Mary Homan, Gloria Smith and Kristen Follert

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.

Items Discussed:

I. Mike Ognosky took the roll and noted the attendance as listed above.

II. Old Business: The following item was presented under Old Business

- **Administration Offices Building Project:** Mr. Ognosky explained that the main interior project left to complete is the drop ceiling in the basement. Rickie and his crew have purchased the materials and will be initiating that work shortly. The exterior work, which will include the installation of a sidewalk from the current parking lot to the entranceway as well as the planting and seeding of grass, will begin next week.
- **Update on Budget Preparation for the 2011- 2012 school year:** Mr. Ognosky reviewed the status of the District budget. Currently, the District has an expenditure over revenue budget of approximately \$75,000. There will continue to be some changes in that budget number – most notable the adjustment due to insurance premium changes, etc. Mr. Ognosky will continue to update the group on the progress of that situation.
- **Update on Current School Year Calendar:** Mr. Ognosky reminded everyone that Monday, March 25th is now a regular day of school for students and teachers. Previously, a call has gone out through the call system announcing that change – another call will be sent out early next week reminding all employees, parents, students and bus contractors of that change.

- **Update on Advanced Placement Procedures:** Mr. Ognosky that all of the students enrolled in the Advanced Placement Courses have maintained their contract obligations as determined at the enrollment phase of the process last year and will be taking the Advanced Placement Examination for the courses in which they are registered.

III. New Business: The following items were discussed under New Business:

- **End of the year Schedule for Seniors:** Mr. Ognosky discussed the end of the year schedule of events for seniors –
 - o Prom Friday, May 6th @ The Summit
 - o Senior Day Trip Thurs., May 26th to Pocono Valley Resort
 - o Senior Finals June 1, 2, and 3
 - o Academic Awards Saturday, June 4th @ 6 p.m.
 - o Baccalaureate Sunday, June 5th @ 6 p.m.
 - o Senior Night Sunday, June 5th @ 7 p.m.
 - o Senior Class Trip June 6, 7, 8, & 9
 - o Grad. Practice Friday, June 10th @ 10 a.m.
 - o Graduation Saturday, June 11th @ 11 a.m.
- **Senior Project Discussion:** Mr. Powers, Senior Project Coordinator, presented a Power Point outlining the various key points of the current senior project-
 - o The Senior Project is a State Board of Education mandated graduation requirement in the state of Pennsylvania that is to be developed locally by a committee at the building level.
 - o Our Senior Project was developed by a committee of teachers and administrators and has been in place for 7 years.
 - o As 10th graders, students are given an explanation of the project by Mr. Powers and receive a “Graduation Project Student Proposal Form” (included with the minutes) to be completed and returned to their Social Studies teachers. The initial stage in the process is, following the approval of the proposal form, the completion of required hours by the students.
 - o The project must be either community service based, career exploration based, or superior skills/original endeavor based. The project approval must be completed by September 30th of their junior year, or, by the end of their sophomore year if they plan on completing required hours in the summer prior to their junior year.
 - o Students utilize the “Senior Project Logbook” in tracking their required project hours. (included with the minutes)
 - o In 11th grade, students are to complete the required log hours and select a mentor to assist them with their project. The mentor may be a parent, teacher, or community member. Students also

complete a research paper or comparable writing requirement for the project in their junior English class.

- o The culminating portion of the project is the presentation. The presentation is scheduled at any point in the student's junior or senior year, but only after they have completed their log hours and their research paper.
- o The entire project is graded according to a rubric for each part and students are scored Highly Successful, Successful, or Not Yet Successful. Not Yet Successful students are required to resubmit that portion of the project until it is scored successful.
- o In a continual quest for quality mentors to assist our students, Mr. Powers has created an advertisement that we will place in the Shopping Guide in the upcoming weeks. I have included a copy of the advertisement with the minutes of the meeting.
- o At the conclusion of the presentation, questions were asked by members present and addressed by Mr. Powers.

IV. Open Forum: Items of discussion during the open forum included the following:
There were no items brought forward during the open forum.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2011 in the Administration Offices at the Junior-Senior High School site.

Submitted by

Mike Ognosky