

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACULTY ROOM
MEETING DATE: MAY 26, 2011 7:00 P.M.

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

26 MAY 2011

Community Advisory Committee Members Present: Diana Bean, Jim Shelp, Maureen Shelp

Administration Present: Mike Ognosky and Greg Adams

Board Members Present: Mary Homan and Kathy Mordovancey

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

- **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 \$104,000. There are currently active discussions in the State Legislature that will increase the governor's budget allocation to the basic education subsidy that will potentially place the budget on the plus side for next year.
- **Update on 2011-2012 Calendar:** Mr. Ognosky reminded everyone that the first student day is one week later in next year's calendar with the late dates for the Harford Fair. There was also a brief discussion regarding the High School schedule and the reduction from an 8 period day to a 7 period day.
- **Summer Camp @ Choconut Valley:** Mr. Adams introduced Christine Casey, Director of the Summer Camp at Choconut Valley, and Christine provided the group with an excellent overview of the four year history of the camp and the evolution of the curriculum that the students utilize. The camp has an emphasis on Reading, Writing and Math skills in order to summer learning regression by the students. The camp runs from July 5th through August 13th four days a week. The first week will be Tuesday-Friday, all other weeks will be Monday-

Thursday. The camp goal is to have 80 students enrolled – the last set of letters went out this week inviting students to attend and the goal of 80 students will certainly be reached. Students also take field trips to the Roberson Museum, Discovery Center and Ross Park during the course of the camp.

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

- **Suggestions and Discussion regarding Committee membership:** Mr. Ognosky asked that all current members invite at least one person to join the committee for the next year. The only requirement is that they be a resident of the school district. Please have interested individuals contact Mr. Ognosky.

IV. Open Forum: Items of discussion during the open forum included the following:

- Mr. Shelp asked if the district had considered any changes in the athletic programs due to the budget constraints that exist. Mr. Ognosky replied that the Board, at this time, has not considered making any cuts to the current program. As always is the case, the Board receives a report on the number of students participating and the District decides on a case by case basis if there should be any changes in sports due to student participation.
- Mr. Shelp also asked if the district has received any updates regarding the potential for gas drilling on the areas surrounding Choconut Valley Elementary School or the Junior-Senior High School. Mr. Ognosky reported that we have not received any word on that potential to date.
- Mr. Ognosky briefly discussed the Dean of Students position and provided the committee with the current timeline for interviews based on the Board public discussion at Monday evening's Finance Committee meeting. Those interviews will take place on Tuesday, June 8th and Wednesday, June 9th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 29, 2011
in the Administration Offices at the Junior-Senior High
School site.**

Submitted by

Mike Ognosky