

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACULTY ROOM
MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2011 7:00 P.M.

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

27 OCTOBER 2011

Community Advisory Committee Members Present: Diana Bean, Maureen Shelp, Jim Shelp, Sharon Salsman, Bill Host, Eric Powers

Administration Present: Mike Ognosky, Chris McComb and Greg Adams

Board Members Present: Kathy Mordovancey, Mary Homan, Pam Staats and Chris Caterson

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.

Items Discussed:

- I. Mike Ognosky took the roll and noted the attendance as noted above.
- II. Old Business: The following item was presented under Old Business
 - **Update on 2011-2012 Calendar:** Mr. Ognosky thanked the group for their input at the last meeting and announced that there will be a full day of school on Friday, December 23rd. He will put an announcement out to that effect through the call system shortly.
 - **Community Portal:** Mr. Ognosky explained that he has had preliminary discussions with Mr. Owens, Technology Director, regarding the development and implementation of a "community portal" button on the web page. The hope is that it there can be a preliminary review by the Committee at the November 17th meeting.
 - **Bullying Procedures:** The discussion on the bullying procedures was continued by those members present. Mr. Powers suggested that forms be made available in every classroom and the administration brief the staff on the process by which students can complete the forms. The thought is that students could pick up a form in their classrooms and return them in a confidential manner with homework papers, etc. The teacher would then forward the forms to the principal. Also, in

response to a question from Mrs. Salsman, Mr. Ognosky explained that the same form and process is in place for harassment involving student to student, employee to employee, and employee to student situations.

- **Advanced Placement Testing:** Mr. Ognosky has had a discussion with Mrs. Ohmnacht and Mr. Tallarico regarding student participation in the AP tests in the spring of 2011. They explained that testing is not mandatory at this point and provided the following data from the 6 Advanced Placement classes:
 - Government: There were 15 students in the class and 12 took the exam, 80 % of the class.
 - English: There were 14 students in the class and 11 took the exam, 78.6 % of the class.
 - Calculus: There were 9 students in the class and 7 took the exam, 77.8 % of the class.
 - Biology: There were 11 students in the class and 6 took the exam, 54.5 % of the class.
 - Chemistry: There were 7 students in the class and 2 took the exam, 28.6 % of the class.
 - European History: There were 8 students in the class and 7 took the exam, 88 % of the class.
 - Mr. Ognosky explained that he asked regarding the low percentage in the Sciences and the response was that many universities discourage students to take the exams in areas that will be their majors as many have the practice of not allowing opt outs in those areas.

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

- **Applied Physics Curriculum:** Mr. Host provided a presentation on his new Applied Physics class at the JSHS. Currently, 14 students are working their way through the curriculum. The curriculum has been developed in conjunction with Solar Energy, Inc. (SEI) of Colorado and provides the students with experiences in alternative energy supplies. SEI has provided the class with 10 scholarships in order for students to take an online certification class and the District has approved an Applied Physics Club to raise additional funding for the 4 remaining students. All 14 began the online portion of the course following units on basic electricity, etc. during the first 7 weeks of school. Mr. Host has also sent out over 100 letters to the community seeking additional support that will enable interested students to attend a “hands on” certification course at the SEI campus in Colorado next summer. The course is open to all juniors and seniors in the JSHS. It is the hope that in the future we will develop our own on site “hands on” lab as part of the curriculum offered at the JSHS. The presentation was followed by a question and answer discussion period.
- **Elementary “Response to Intervention and Instruction” Process:** Mr. McComb, Principal at Choconut Valley, and Mr. Adams, Principal at Lathrop Street, provided a presentation on the elementary “Response to Intervention” model that is in place. The process is as a result of five years of intensive

training and implementation and has proven to be very successful at the elementary schools. The process has developed a three tiered model at the elementary school with all students receiving our standard curriculum. Approximately 80 % of our students are at the Tier 1 level which is the delivery of the standard curriculum without the need for any interventions in order for them to achieve success. Approximately 15 % of our students are at the Tier II Level which is the delivery of the standard curriculum with specific interventions designed to meet their individual needs. Approximately 5 % of our students are at the Tier III level which is the delivery of the standard curriculum with intensive interventions designed to meet their needs. Students are benchmarked and evaluated every two weeks by their classroom teachers in a process called "progress monitoring" and each child is individually charted and monitored. Those in the Tier II and Tier III levels are monitored more frequently and their instruction is continually altered based on those assessments. Data collection is essential in the program and the entire elementary staff has participated in intensive training regarding the process. The "RTII" process is continually studied and changed and Mr. Adams discussed the latest "tweak" which is the identification of the top 5 % tier and the altering of their curriculum so that they can proceed at the advanced level that best fits their needs. The presentation was followed by a question and answer discussion period.

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

- Mr. Ognosky explained that during the November meeting he would like to review our current evaluation instruments that are utilized when evaluating teachers and coaches. Also, it is hoped that the initial roll out of the community portal can be reviewed by the committee. Hope to see you there!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2011
in the District Administrative Offices at the rear of the JSHS.**

Submitted by

Mike Ognosky