



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Community Relations Committee Meeting

5:30 PM - October 18, 2022

Google Meet

In attendance: Vice Pres Zhang, Board Members Wall & Reddy, and Dr. Cascone

Meeting commenced at 5:30 and concluded at approximately 6:15.

I. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Multi-Sports Field Dedication-[BOE Regulation 7250](#)

Dr. Cascone introduced for discussion the possibility of a commemorative naming of the multi-purpose turf field. Shared were the current district regulations governing the process for doing so. Further discussion was around exercising a fidelity to the process defined in the regulations while avoiding either inefficiencies and/or controversies in the ultimate naming of the facility. Mr. Wall suggested that feedback be solicited from the full board regarding the process. The upcoming public meeting and the presentation of the committee report by Vice President Zhang might be an appropriate time to do so. The spring of 2023 would represent an appropriate time to finalize the commemoration.

B. Open Year Survey Results-Find multiple ways to get survey out.

[Open Year Survey Results](#)

Dr. Cascone shared the results from the opening year pulse survey which went out to the community. To date there were approximately 70 responses. The committee discussed the results which were very positive. Nearly 87% of the respondents were either extremely satisfied or somewhat satisfied with how the opening of the school year went. The committee discussed ways in which the administration could work towards a higher overall rate of response to surveys, including sending standalone communications with the link, posting to the district website, and posting to social media. The suggestions will be taken into consideration and implemented moving forward in future surveys.

II. OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

A. High School Open House-October 13

Dr. Cascone reviewed with the committee the attendance and program components of the high school open house and the positive feedback which has been received both during the program and after. Dr. Cascone indicated that a follow-up survey will be sent to the families in attendance to gather additional feedback with regard to their perceptions of the program, as well as the degree to which the program might have influenced their decision and choice for next year.

B. BOE Candidates Night-October 25

Dr. Cascone reviewed the overall components of the parent group community forum event. Dr. Cascone shared that he would be present in a facilitator role to ensure that the organizations had that which they had requested and to ensure that the event runs smoothly and safely.

III. ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

A. Addy's House: Transitional Program 18-21

Mr. Wall raised the idea of utilizing Addys house as a life skills transitional training site for our 18 to 21 students and the premise that this could be a shared capital project with the township. He further recommended that this information and proposal be shared with Spezial architects for their consideration in the ongoing evaluation. Dr. Cascone shared that this particular idea was on a short list of potential projects and uses including retrofitting for a central office headquarters and training center, or a community arts center. Dr. Cascone will share this feedback with Mr. Petrizzo for sharing with the architects of record.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 @ 5:30pm

