

Frelinghuysen Home and School Association

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Committee and Attending: Margaret Monahan, Lucy Webber, Patty Haralampoudis, Ellen Hays, Christine Sicat, Tanya Seaward, Jenn Smith, Andrea Kitzis Smith, Susan Miller, Pam Patterson, Ellen Harp, Nadine Genrich, Beth Sparacino, Greg Marella, Edna Bruden McGrath, Alice Bain, Jenn Rocco, Jen Carcich, Diane Manum, Naomi Stein.

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Margaret Monahan

Welcome - Margaret Monahan

- 7th Grade Social was a success. Thank you to Beth Sparacino for chairing.
- Approval of October Minutes by Susan Miller and Lucy Webber

President's Council Update: Lucy Webber

- Construction at the Morristown High School is going very well
- Superintendent is a huge proponent of using data to drive the student's educational path.
 - I-Ready has been adapted into the district
 - PARCC results will be going home soon - next year there will only be one testing window.
- Attendance at HSA meetings has been very low throughout the district. It was agreed to try to combine meetings with presentations on topics that would interest parents.

HSA Business

- **Treasurer's Report: Jenn Smith**
 - Socials - Monies raised for the 6th grade social will offset the costs for the 7th and 8th grade socials.
 - Cultural Arts assemblies - we've spent about \$6000 so far.
 - Magazine sales - budget was \$14,000 but we don't yet have the final tally.
 - Just Write a Check - please consider this option. Donations are tax deductible.
 - Clubs - unexpected expense due to change of policy in the district. Had to purchase insurance for the teachers. Club cost will be raised to \$35. We expect to break even after the 2nd run of clubs. There are 3 sessions.
- **Update on Committees: Tanya Seaward**
 - Snack Bar - volunteers needed for about 45 minutes right after school. Exploring healthier options.
 - Box Tops for Education - there will be a February collection. There is a mailbox in front of the office for students to drop off their Box Tops.
 - Clothing Sales - There will be one before holiday vacation, most likely via email.
 - Clubs - there are 10 clubs running right now. The next run will be in January. Sign-ups will be in December.
 - Thanks to Beth Sparacino for chairing the 7th Grade Social.

Principal's Update: Joseph Uglialoro - presentation about I-Ready

- Rolling out I-Ready Program throughout the district for K-9. There are 2 elements of I-Ready: Diagnostic and Instruction.
- I-Ready is an adaptive program for math and language arts that customizes according to the student's answers. The first test starts with a grade level question as the baseline.
 - Diagnostic
 - Students take the diagnostic test 3 times in the year: the first time to assess their level and the 2nd and 3rd time to see how they've improved.
 - From the diagnostic, I-Ready creates an online personalized learning progression of lessons tailored to the student.
 - Instruction
 - Online student instruction - each lesson takes about 30-40 minutes. The lessons are very interactive. Students can't progress to the next level until they've mastered their current level.
 - The lessons are being incorporated into the classroom as a station. They do not replace teacher led instruction.
 - Students can access it at home.
- I-Ready is used nationwide. The data has shown that when used 45 minutes or more a week, student outcomes increase dramatically. Under 45 minutes, there is growth but not significant growth.
- Mr. Uglialoro presented examples of I-Ready Reports
 - Needs analysis by grade level - shows scale scores by grade level - administrators and teachers can analyse data to figure out where problem areas are. This stimulates discussions on how this can be addressed as a school.
 - class profile report
 - Teachers can examine reports for their individual classes.
 - They can determine areas of instruction that require improvement.
 - reports help teachers group students with similar needs.
 - student profile reports
 - assess individual needs of each student.
 - Suggests specific instructional path for each student
 - Provides the student's Lexile level (reading level) to help match books to the student's reading level.
- Superintendent has emphasized that I-Ready is here to stay.
- I-Ready student reports will be going home with PARCC reports.
- I-Ready is brand new to the district. It is being used in the classrooms. Some teachers are assigning it as homework. Currently, teachers are determining how they'd like to use it. Protocols of student use will be determined later.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.