

**PIC Meeting  
Minutes  
Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

**William O. George III, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools**  
**Jill A. Takacs, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction**  
**Kim Pickus, District Director for Evaluation and Assessment Practices**  
**Amy Gallagher, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary**  
**Minutes compiled by Chris MacKay, Parent Information Committee Chair**

**Technology Update - Dan Alston**

[\(See District Presentation with links\)](#)

**TDPE Discussion - Dr. George, Dr. Takacs and Mrs. Pickus**

[\(See District Presentation with links\)](#)

**Transportation - Amy Gallagher**

- Contract in place, however there have been some issues with transportation for athletics
- Separate contracts for transportation for athletics. Some vendors did not renew their contracts due to inability to cover routes.
- Looking at other vendors and schedules and sending out additional bids to accommodate spring athletics, current athletic teams as well as new programs (i.e. middle school track and field and high school volleyball).
  - Mid-year bid for spring athletics will take place before the holidays.
  - Bottom line: Athletic transportation has been covered and the District will continue to cover transportation for athletics, through whatever means necessary.
- Follow up on HIB (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying) training for bus drivers.
  - Mrs. Gallagher explained that bus drivers receive all necessary training required by the state, including HIB training, to ensure students' safety.
  - Question regarding DRTRS report - Districts are required to submit report to the state (due in November, results available around March), to measure the efficiency of transportation (<http://www.state.nj.us/education/finance/transportation/efficiency/>). Tied to the Taxpayer Guide to Educational Spending (<http://www.nj.gov/education/guide/2015/>).
- Dr. Takacs requested PIC members assistance to identify possible expert speakers for STEM & GLPP pathway programs at the high schools. Please contact John Kerrigan for STEM at North and Devyn Orozco at South and Mrs. O'Hagen for GLPP.

**Board of Education**

- Shared services update
  - [\(See District Presentation with links\)](#)
  - Regarding the digital school signs and their refresh time limits, the township has extended an informal reduction of the refresh time from 5 minutes to 2 minutes.
    - Dawn Diorio requested that Board Shared Services committee continue discussions with the township to further shorten the refresh times.

- Municipal Alliance
  - Parent concern that attendance for Project PLUS is dropping.
  - Request that parent organizations facilitate the promotion of Project PLUS in their school websites/social media, to make sure that attendance is maximized. Notices are currently posted on school website virtual backpacks, and communicated via District phone blast.
  - Ugly Truth About Heroin program tonight (10/20) at 6pm at Middletown Library. Sponsored by Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office.
- Board Meeting tonight (10/20), special presentations to take place at 6pm with the voting meeting to follow at 8pm.

#### **MTFODL**

- Welcome to Magaly Milton of Middletown Friends of Different Learners
- PIC Chair will communicate with parent organizations to request parent representative for each school to help with the flow of information.

#### **Old Business**

- Volunteers for refreshments

#### **New Business**

- Question about Elementary Library
  - Budget needs
  - Software / hardware needs
  - Book selection
- Next meeting Tuesday, December 8th (rescheduled to December 15th)