

PIC MEETING
Minutes
Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 9:15am

District Update - Dr. George, Dr. Takacs & Mrs. Pickus

- [ESSA \(Every Student Succeeds Act\) Presentation](#) (click for District handout)
- PARCC ([see District website presentation on results](#))
 - ESSA will not change PARCC testing, which will continue for grades 3-11 for ELA and math (high school math by level, not grade).
 - Local districts as well as the state are at risk of losing federal funding if PARCC participation falls below 95%.
 - Study commission recommendations are that current 8th graders must sit for PARCC in order to choose alternate test (i.e. PSAT, SAT, ACT) for graduation requirement. Commission also recommends that PARCC be the only test accepted for graduation requirements for current 7th graders. [See article](#)
 - Schools will have individual PARCC information sessions (some have already taken place) to review more detailed data from results and information about this year's testing.
 - Testing time for this year has been reduced by 1.5 hour. [See more information about this year's testing.](#)
 - Based on feedback from last year, additional accommodations have been made for special needs students.
 - High school juniors who are taking AP English will be exempt from taking PARCC if they take the AP exam.
 - (Post script) [See District letter regarding PARCC dated Feb. 24, 2016](#)
 - (Post script) [NJ Scores presentation on March 22, 2016 at High School North](#)

Board of Education

- Calendar for 2016-17 school year has been approved.
- At the last board meeting, there was an update on the Strategic Plan ([see video](#)).
- Mr. Brand and Mr. Donlon co-chair the Facility Planning Ad Hoc Committee. The committee has met already but is looking for representation from Thorne, Harmony, Port Monmouth, Ocean Ave. and Lincroft schools. Please share with your parent organizations. Results from this committee will be shared with the board in May. If interested in participating, please email nivenv@middletownk12.org.
- Security camera proposals are in final review with the board. Now that roofing projects and rooftop hvac work is complete, the District is ready to move forward.
- Feedback from member that some of the microphones at the Board of Education meetings are not providing adequate sound on the video recordings.

MTFOdL

- Magaly thanked members for helping get the word out about monthly meetings through parent organizations. [Click here for meeting flier](#)
- Member suggested that MTFOdL distribute information about the group at Kindergarten orientation. District approval, as with all notices, is needed.
- Group is focused on policies and procedures and to better understand each school's child study team's best practices.

Old Business

- Thank you to Christina Frasca & Jamie Monchik from Port Monmouth for refreshments.

New Business

- [PIC Mission Review Follow Up](#) - request was made for members to go back to their parent groups and get feedback on what if any changes are needed to make PIC more useful/effective.
- Chair / Co-Chairs for PIC are needed for next school year. A 2-year commitment is suggested.
- Refreshments for March - Volunteers Needed ([SignUpGenius page](#))
 - Post script - Karen Whitaker will provide refreshments for March 8th meeting.
- **Next meeting: Tuesday, March 8th**