

SOUTH ORANGETOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

BLT MEETING MINUTES



DATE OF MEETING: September 28, 2016

COMMITTEE ATTENDEES:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Y/N. Rows include Karen A. Tesik, Dawn Bongiovanni, Sara Nybro, Glenn Spiegelman, Karen Massaro, Evan Karzhevsky, Claire Heatley, PTA President.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Y/N. Rows include Chad Corey, Kelly Froio, Michael Ryan, Mary Ann Wood, Margaret Nelson, Sharyn Rubino, At Large.

OTHER ATTENDEES:

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1. Agenda Item: Approve the January 27, 2016 (Feb. minutes not received), May 24, 2016 minutes

Key Points:

- Motioned to approve the January 27, 2016 and May 24, 2016 minutes by Margaret Nelson, seconded by Mary Ann Wood. The committee approved the minutes.

2. Agenda Item: Review BLT Protocol

Key Points:

- BLT Protocol was reviewed. Some of the discussion was why the committee exists; focus is on what we can do to make our school stronger.

Required Actions/Recommendations:

- Mrs. Tesik will be sitting on the DLT committee this year.

3. Agenda Item: Good News / Great Things

Key Points:

- Opened school with 765 children
Day 1 every student was given a schedule and we were up and running
6th graders are adjusting well
Maker Space is still developing, garden beds are outside in the courtyard, greenhouse will be coming soon
Students, if they ask, may eat lunch in the courtyard
A time capsule was found in the courtyard
Year 2 of National School to Watch
Welcomed new staff and welcomed back some staff
At the end of January will be the first annual SOMS Souper Bowl; all students will be involved in the preparation beforehand (8th grade hand carved bowls, 7th grade bread boards, 6th grade plastic mugs). Students will be working on these projects in Art, Technology, and Home and Careers classes. A "How To" manual will be created in Challenge Lab. These creations will be sold.
In the spring, students will be making soups in Italian, Spanish and Home and Careers classes. These soups will be sold at the "Salad Bowl" (the name of this event may change). Money raised will be given to NJHS to donate to Emily Levine and Mrs. Sullivan's charities. Money will also be donated to the PTA.

Required Actions/Recommendations:

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4. **Agenda Item:** Administrator for 2016 – 2017 DLT

Key Points:

- Mrs. Tesik will be sitting on the DLT committee this year.

Required Actions/Recommendations:

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5. **Agenda Item:** Review / accept Parent Involvement Policy and School-Parent-Student Compact

Key Points:

- Reviewed policy and no questions were asked.
- Will redo with RTI students if needed
- Was motioned to approve by Mike Ryan and Margaret Nelson

Required Actions/Recommendations:

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6. **Agenda Item:** Updates

Key Points:

- Technology – chrome racks just arrived, 3-year phase in, starting in the 8th grade
- Challenge Lab / Makerspace – new tables, new room, now has access to greenhouse and courtyard
- Courtyard / Garden (see Agenda Item # 3)
- Website – will soon be updated

Required Actions/Recommendations:

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7. **Agenda Item:** Generate and prioritize ideas for consideration for the 2016-2017 school year

Key Points:

- Learning about the new science online textbook
- Transitioning 8th to 9th
- Transitioning 5th to 6th
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Cyber Bullying – what is the role of the parent and school
- SOCASA help cards
- Outreach about open campus rules afterschool

Required Actions/Recommendations:

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TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING: October 26, 2016

1. Parent-Teacher Conferences

Minutes taken by:

Dawn Bongiovanni
Name

September 28, 2016
Date