READINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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PUBLIC MINUTES

1. Board Goals/District Goals
    a. *Continue to advance the goals of individual and institutional sustainability through the integration of solar data into the STEM curriculum*
        i. *Additions into Science/Math and sustainability class lessons/curriculum*
            1. Integrate solar data and rain garden into the curriculum
        ii. *Future Ready*
            1. Future Ready Certification: start the process since it will be in several parts. First will be a commitment by Superintendent, board resolution and technology needs assessment. Then the process of completing and applying. This could be a 2 year process.
    b. *To assess the district's current programs in Social-Emotional Learning and determine necessary programming for the future.*
        i. *SEL Needs Assessment (done)*
        ii. *Goals to be set* (will be presented at next meeting)
        iii. *District-wide committee*
        iv. *Parent Night:* Info session/Parent Academy to learn more about SEL and a survey will be going out to ask parents for their input.

2. Revised NJSLA Testing Dates
    i. Formerly PARCC….NJ Student Learning Assessment ELA, Math, Science
    ii. There have been changes in the number of units and length of units. Overall the testing time for the district will be shorter by approximately a day. Letters were sent to parents with the revised dates.

        iii.   If parents are looking on the State website the information has not been updated to reflect recent changes. It still says PARCC and the web address for the standards still has common core in it.

        iv.   More information to come as the State updates the districts. Recommendation to approve.

3. Aerospace Follow-up
    a. Solberg meeting resulted in ideas for collaboration
        i. 6th Grade Math and Science teachers have been informed of this collaborative effort since the 6th grade is the focus.
        ii. Progress of how this collaboration will look through the curriculum as well as in our schools will be presented at a later date.
    b. Alexandria
        i. About 5 students returned for the December meeting.

4. Screenagers
        i. Administration viewed the movie on 1/10/19. There is some great information in it and Dr. Hart would like to move forward with a parent viewing one evening and then a student viewing (a separate student version), for grades 5-8, during the day.
        ii. The Superintendent Chat maybe changed to coincide with the parents viewing of Screenagers to allow opportunity to speak about it.
        iii. There are curriculum materials for parents to view and reference online These will be brought to parent attention when advertising for the movie.
        iv. There is a minimal cost associated with showing this movie...avenues are being explored to differ cost. This will be presented as more information becomes available.
        v. Date and time of viewing TBD

5. Initiatives for next year:
        i. Several initiatives were introduced to the committee to be discussed at a later date.
        ii. More information will be forthcoming as this and the budget process progresses.

6. SEL Parent Night - plans underway
        i. A survey was created for parents and will be sent out at a later date. It is in an effort to gather parent interest and needs in the following areas: SEL, tough issues to discuss, possible child care (if more parents could attend if this is offered).

7. Spring 2019 Teacher Academy
        i. Survey went out and tentative beginning is at the end of February
        ii. Teachers presenting and subject areas for the academy will be on the agenda for approval.

New Items:
Departments are meeting to start the budget process.

No date for the next meeting at this time.