



Committee Report

Committee Name:

Parent Engagement & Student Life Committee Meeting

November 14, 2022

Location	Date	Time
Virtual via WEBEX	November 14 2022	5:36p.m.- 6:43p.m.
Board Members		
Committee Chair, Flohisha Johnson	Crystal Williams, Board Member	
Co-Committee Chair Josephine Garcia	Dawn Haynes, Board President	
District Liaison & Superintendent Representative		
Carolyn Granato, Assistant Superintendent	Samantha Lott-Velez, Assistant Superintendent	
Other District Staff		
Nicole Johnson, Deputy Superintendent	Rashon Dwight, HIB Coordinator	
Mary L Harvey, Director OSL	Edwin Mendez, Director ,Office of Attendance	
Mary Garripoli , Supervisor, OSL	Darrell Major, Manager Specialist	
Michelina Thornton , Director Parent Engagement		
Guests		
Shamere Williams, Supervisor Office of Deputy Superintendent		
Meeting Summary		
<p>Flohisha Johnson opened the November 14, 2022 Parent Engagement and Student Life Committee Meeting at 5:36 p.m.</p> <p><u>New Business:</u> An update on The Next Decade: 2020-30 Year 3 Quarter 1 (July - September) Highlights/Deliverables was given by Carolyn Granato, Assistant Superintendent. The update included the following:</p> <p>Priority 1 - Unified and Aligned Systems Year 3 Quarter 1 Highlights/Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The High School Guidebook 2022-2023 was completed and distributed to all incoming high school freshmen students and families during the Summer Bridge program. • Superintendent’s Conference August 2022 included norming sessions on the Academic Walkthrough Tool and Evaluation Tool • NJQSAC Committees held weekly meetings throughout the quarter to ensure the timely submission of the District Performance Review (DPR). <p>Priority 2 - A Rigorous and Relevant Framework for Curriculum and Instruction Year 3 Quarter 1 Highlights/Deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curricula has been approved in several content areas (Language Arts; Visual and Performing Arts; Middle School and High School Social Studies; K-8 Health) and professional development has been provided for teachers. <p>Priority 3 - Strength-Based and Responsive Culture Year 3 Quarter 1 Highlights/Deliverables:</p>		

The Next Decade Highlights continued

- The district's annual Culture and Climate Calendar was shared with school leaders and teachers.
- A data analysis was conducted on the 2021-2022 Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Self-Assessment. Trends and areas of need were established, and continued support and interventions were developed to support students and the Office of Student Life staff
- In partnership with Rutgers University-Newark and the New Jersey Higher Student Assistance Authority (NJ HESAA), the district hosted FAFSA with Friends Night in September 2022 for parents/guardians
- Mentor Newark provided mentor coordinator and mentee training sessions with Bard Early College to assist with their peer-to-peer mentoring program.
- The District provided McKinney-Vento training to school-based student support staff and the school-based McKinney-Vento specialists regarding identification, referral procedures, and resources.
- Student Assistant Coordinators (SACs) were hired to address the education, prevention, and referral as it relates to substance use.
- As part of National Hispanic Heritage Month, and to promote and advocate for anti-bullying, the District participated in the Puerto Rican Day Parade Anti-Bullying March

Priority 4 - Continuous Learning for All Year 3 Quarter 1 Highlights/Deliverables:

- The Division of Information Technology provided SMART Board training sessions for all schools to ensure that all users have the newest and most relevant training in properly using the devices to enhance the educational experience.

Priority 5 - Integrated System of Supports Year 3 Quarter 1 Highlights/Deliverables:

- The Office of Student Support Services trained school leaders and staff on the protocols, procedures, and district expectations for Student Support Teams (SST) and Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS).
- The College and Career Readiness program was implemented, in partnership with Camp College, Bloomfield College, and Leaders of the 21st Century for the class of 2023 summer enrichment.
- Seventh grade students who attended Summer Plus visited local colleges and universities for campus tours and information sessions on the college application process, the FAFSA, and scholarship opportunities
- The Office of Student Life Staff received Suicide Prevention Training

Priority 6 - Strong Reciprocal Partnerships Year 3 Quarter 1 Highlights/Deliverables:

- The District partnered with Amerigroup to serve over 1,800 families in the West and South Wards at the Back to School Resource Fair, held at Mount Vernon Elementary School, with groceries, books, book bags, outreach resources, food, and fun activities.
- The District partnered with the graduate school psychology program at Fairleigh Dickinson University to place 3 full-time interns and 6 practicum students to provide mental health counseling during SY22-23 at 6 schools, one day per week

Parent Engagement

Director, Michelina Thornton presented the Parent Engagement update:

The 36th Annual Title 1 Parent Conference will occur at NJIT on Tuesday, November 15, 2022

- Theme - Let's Go To Work: Reconnect, Revitalize, Reimagine
- Keynote speaker, Acting Commissioner of the NJDOE, Dr. Angelica Allen-McMillian
- 14 workshops, 6 roundtable discussions, & 30 resource tables to provide information and resources to families
- Parent liaisons and parents from each school invited

Director Thornton also shared some highlights of Parent Liaison facilitated events occurring in our schools.

Office of Student Life:

Director Mary Leigh Harvey provided the following OSL updates:

Director Harvey shared an array of trainings occurring for student support staff members across all NBOE schools.

Some OSL training highlights include:

Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

- School Violence Awareness Week October 17 - 21, 2022
- Collaborated with the Office of Pupil Safety to provide an SSDS/HIB training (Overview, Reporting, Updates, & Mandates) to East/Central SLT Principals' Meeting on October 27, 2022
- Continued to provide ongoing coaching and support to School-Based ABS'

OSL Highlights

- On October 20, 2022, over two thousand seniors participated in the District-Wide College Fair at Prudential Center in Newark. The event, hosted by the Office of Student Life (OSL), introduced students to college admission counselors to help them navigate the college application process and understand the expectations required to prepare for college, technical school pathways, military options and career success.
- The Office of Student Life continues to offer parents/guardians and seniors with virtual FAFSA/NJAFSA support in partnership with New Jersey Higher Student Assistance Authority (NJ HESAA). This support is provided to parents/guardians and seniors in English and Spanish. Additionally, in partnership with our Newark City Learning Collaborative (NCLC) partners, one-on-one FAFSA supports are offered to parents/guardians and seniors at the Newark Public Library (Washington Street Branch).

- During the month of October 2022, the OSL offered school counseling professionals and other student support staff a workshop on Human Trafficking. The purpose of this workshop was to inform student support service professionals about may staff aware of this alarming issues in our community, warning signs, and provide resources surrounding this important issue
- On November 9, 2022, The Pre-College Fair was held to support 6-12th grade students engage with community and educational partners to learn about and apply to enrichment programs of choice, based upon their academic, career, social and personal needs.
- Elementary/middle school counselors celebrated Red Ribbon Week across the district during the week of October 23-27, 2022. Some really engaging activities took place which included workshops on the dangers of vaping, poster campaigns, and team building activities which promoted taking care of mind, body and spirit.

Dates for Upcoming OSL Events:

- December 3, 2022 - Fall/Winter McKinney- Vento Family Resource Day

NJQSAC Update:

The 3 requested documents were submitted on Monday, November 14 by Deputy Superintendent Johnson. The deadline was November 15. For I and P, the district can earn up to 40 points based on submissions, and the other 60 points are assigned by the County Office.

Committee Chair Flohisha Johnson adjourned the November 14, 2022 meeting at 6:41pm.

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