

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICY COMMITTEE

Middlebush – Large Conference Room

Report – January 11, 2016

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Mission of the Franklin Township Public Schools is to provide excellent educational opportunities that meet or exceed New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for every student; maintain an environment that engenders an appreciation of the value of every student; develop every student to his/her highest potential; and instill the attitudes, skills, and knowledge necessary to become independent, contributing members of a democratic, multi-cultural society.

Committee Members Present

Latee E. Walton-McCleod, Committee Chair

Nancy La Corte, Committee Member

Margaret Steele, Committee Member

John Ravally, Superintendent

Ana Washington, Director of Research, Planning, Accountability and Assessment

Mary L. Clark, Coordinator of Policies, Regulations and Communications, Committee Liaison

The meeting began at 7:45pm.

The Superintendent and Committee Chair welcomed new Committee member, Mrs. Steele.

The Committee reviewed two new policies and agreed to pass them on to the full Board for a first reading. The proposed policy on the CARE Program provides details on the program, including accounting, financial hardship, eligibility, registration and transportation.

The second policy which the Committee reviewed pertains to parent involvement in our Title One schools. While the district has a Title One Policy, by regulation, the district must also have a district wide policy which is specific to parental involvement. Our Title One schools will use this district wide policy to craft school specific parental involvement policies.

The Committee discussed a request, by a local community organization, to utilize the facilities of our smaller elementary schools. Currently facility use by outside organizations is limited to Franklin High School; Franklin Middle School; Sampson G. Smith School and Franklin Park School. After discussing the cost ramifications and size of the remaining elementary schools, the Committee agreed to forward to the Board for consideration the expansion of facility use to Conerly Road and MacAfee Road schools, during days when school is in session, during times set by administration which would commence following the CARE Program. A resolution will be placed on the Board agenda detailing the days and times of use for all district school facilities.

The Use of School Facilities Policy and Regulation are currently being reviewed by administration and will be discussed by the Facilities Committee soon.

The meeting ended at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Latee E. Walton-McCleod

Mary L. Clark