

# **FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Middlebush – Main Conference Room

**Agenda – May 17, 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

Laurie Merris, Committee Chair

Dr. Julia Presley, Committee Member, present on the telephone

Patricia Stanley, Committee Member

Dr. John A. Ravally, Superintendent

Mary L. Clark, Coordinator of Policies & Regulations, Committee Liaison

The Committee was given an update on the on Focus on Franklin videos. The Franklin Middle School video aired in April and we are getting ready to film the Pine Grove Manor video next.

The Referendum Steering Committee held a meeting at Franklin High School on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 where the sub-committee chairpersons reported out on the meetings held with their smaller groups.

An informational session on our district schools and referendum projects is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at Franklin High School.

The Committee was updated on recent press coverage including stories on the Prom, recent BOE meetings and the Franklin Middle School student who won the InvestWrite Competition sponsored by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association. .

The district continues to reach out to the community to spread the word on our Preschool Program. Adult community members and senior citizens of the township were invited extended a special invitation to the Sunday performance of Shrek Jr. at Franklin Middle School.

The District celebrated its Educators of the Year at a Breakfast on May 13, 2016 at the Trade Wins restaurant in the Somerset Vocational and Technical High School.

Sampson G. Smith Principal Evelyn Rutledge attended a recent PTO meeting at Franklin Park School to speak to those parents/guardians about their child's transition to fifth grade. All of our fourth graders will have the opportunity to visit SGS and hear about its programs. There will also be parent orientations later this year.

Upcoming Board meeting presentations include student recognition, retiree recognition and the annual violence and vandalism report.