

Navesink PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2018

*Member attendance by sign-in sheet

*Augusta D'Amico called meeting to order/Pledge of Allegiance 7:31

Old Business/New Business:

-We are looking for Nominating Committee (2 board members terms are up: Secretary and VP Events) We need 3 people and 1 alternate to seek out nominations in March/April for each position and manage the process for our annual election in May.

-Field Day committee chair and team needed (Johna English volunteered for position)

Dr. George Session:

Meeting shifted to informational session (Q & A) provided by Dr. George regarding our current modular.

There is no final plan yet; still waiting on budget (March 15th preliminary decision from Governor).

Dr. George met with the staff today to discuss possibility of moving our Special Education program out of Navesink School. This would open up space for those classes currently held in the modular to be moved inside main building. Modular would be removed indefinitely.

Cost to “fix” current modular would be roughly \$400,000-\$500,000. To put a replacement modular would be over \$1million.

Must look at district as a whole, not just a Navesink decision.

Mr. Altobello stated the most important concerns are the #1 Health, #2 Safety, #3 Wellness of our students.

If Special Education classes were to move to other schools, those teachers and paras would move with them. Keeping consistency for the students. Talking roughly about 30 students affected with move. It is a “district wide program”

where 2/3 of current students come from outside of Navesink area and 1/3 Navesink.

Everything is looked at when making this decision....population increases, capacity at schools, IEPs, child's needs, etc.

Resource room and In-class support would continue at Navesink.

Joan Minnuies (current Board member) stated she is affected by this as she has 2 grandchildren in the building and a local Navesink home owner. She said she made the recommendation for the current "New" Board members to visit all 17 buildings to see which schools had what available to them. A strategic plan is needed by the community. Must attend Board meetings to be heard and make a difference.

Dr. George thanked us for inviting him to speak and answer questions. There is NO FINAL DECISION as of yet.

BOE Workshop Meeting - Tues, 3/20 8pm MHSN. Parents have an opportunity to speak on issues BEFORE a vote will take place on those items at the next meeting (voting meeting) on Wed, 3/28.

Meeting adjourned 9:30.

Next PTA meeting March 19, 2018 7:30