

Coordinating Council Meeting
January 25, 2018
Eisenhower Middle School - Media Center

President's Welcome - 9:35 a.m.

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Minutes from October Meeting approved as written.

President's Report - Nicole DiMasi

1. Update on splitting the schools into two 501c3s in order to avoid yearly audits. Because PTO gross revenues are over \$500,000 annually, CPA advises that this is the best way to move forward.

Treasurer's Report - Jenica Purisima

1. Update on gaming account. Everything is working well and schools are using the gaming account as instructed.
2. Coordinating Council took out a FLOW Follies ad.
3. Business Insurance has been paid.

RIH Superintendent - Bev McKay

1. In a time of uninterrupted learning from Holiday break to February break.
2. Two snow delays and/or cancellations.
3. Eighth graders are choosing their high schools. They cannot make a bad choice because we have two great high schools.
4. District events to help stop the stigma associated with mental illness. It is important to spread the word that it is okay to get help.
5. Upcoming event, Super Quiz for Academic Decathlon at Ramapo. The topic is Africa. Both Ramapo and Indian Hills will compete.

Indian Hills Principal - Dr. Greg Vacca

1. All schools working to spread the Stigma Free message and working a wellness initiative to address anxiety in students. They have Wellness Wednesday where the students become ambassadors aiming to get rid of digital distractions. This encourages face-to-face interaction and removes the need for an instant connection. TV production filming the Take a Bite out of lime campaign to reduce stigma.
2. The Chamber Choir sang at Ridgewood United Methodist Church. Dr. Vacca received a note praising the performance as well as the way the students handled themselves.
3. Teen Arts Show is at Indian Hills on the 22nd.
4. February break is the second structured wellness break. Teachers asked not to give homework to encourage true down time.
5. Spring play will be Little Women.

6. Winter Sports are in full swing.
7. Indian Hills is hosting the Relay for Life. This is a great example of students from both schools coming together to raise funds for cancer research.

Ramapo Principal - Travis Smith

1. In line with stigma free, anxiety around social media is happening and it is important for us to support our children and discuss this with them.
2. Super Quiz at Ramapo. This is an exciting event with very enthusiastic crowds.
3. Cardboard Challenge coming up February 3rd from 10:00-12:00 p.m.
4. Chemistry Teams place second and third.
5. Art exhibit in Wyckoff, then Franklin Lakes. Come see their work at the Libraries. Oakland will not show the work because they are under construction.
6. Sports update.
7. A grandfather of a student spoke. He is a Holocaust Survivor and told his amazing, shocking story.
8. Upcoming events: Feb. 1 - FLOW Chorus, Feb. 7 - Band Festival, March 3 - Academic Decathlon
9. Spring Musical is Sister Act.
10. NBC Sports came to Ramapo to film a piece about Chris Hogan.

Eisenhower Principal - Chris Iasiello

1. High School decisions are weighing on the kids which can be a time of stress and anxiety.
2. Program using biosensors to monitor heart rate. In the game, if students cannot bring down their heart rates, they cannot continue.
3. Treps in December was a success. Students participate and become small business owners and work with businesses around town.
4. Kris Federici, Middle School Teacher of the Year, goes on to the Regional competition. This highlights her wonderful work in P.E.
5. Many schools coming to observe what Eisenhower is doing. This is a tremendous compliment.
6. Winter concerts finished last night. These were the best Mr. Iasiello has ever been to.
7. Watch ETV streaming live through YouTube. Mr. Iasiello went to NBC. ETV will be rebuilt and brought up to date.

Grace White - Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction

1. Presentation on the State of the District.
2. Thanks to the Principals for their great outstanding work.
3. She has spent time exploring other districts and we are very lucky to be in Wyckoff.
4. Email Grace at gwhite@wyckoffschoos.org if you have any questions.
5. Focus on taking education as a content transfer to learning as a continuous process.
6. Self directed growth plans, teachers doing research, and talking about work for the year.
7. Good things happen when we empower our teachers.

8. District looking at things to offer students and parents for math.
9. Areas of focus Math fluency, timed tests caused great anxiety.
10. Approach to art has been looking at student interests and letting students drive.
11. You can follow the district on social media.
12. Check out the Connect Parent series. Parents actually do the work so they learn themselves.
13. Wyckoff is a district schools come from all over to see what we are doing.

Economy Shop

1. Struggling to get the volunteers needed.
2. Checks are going out to schools for \$1200 for this period.
3. Putting together ideas to get more volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nicole DiMasi for Joanne Certo, CC Secretary