

## Coordinating Council Meeting

January 26, 2017

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Presidents Welcome 9:53 AM

Secretary: Minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer: Did not have much to report

President's Report – Explained that functioning as a 501(c)(3) corp is going well. Asked everyone for ideas for speakers.

Mrs. McKay - Superintendent for Ramapo High School and Indian Hills High School gave a brief overview of her history.

She discussed the new district website that was rolling out next week. It allows everyone to update their own section. It has quite a bit more information on it related to activities and events.

The District's physical education departments have been recognized by the state for exemplary education. The activities include new bike trails and outdoor ropes courses.

She also discussed the positive experience she has had during the current road trip she has been on to talk to parents of incoming freshman.

Lastly she discussed former district alumni participating in the upcoming Superbowl on both the Patriots and the Falcons.

Mr. Collins - IHHS Principal reviewed the top 10 list at IHHS.

1. He visited Eisenhower Middle School in January to promote IHHS to the students in Wyckoff. He also visited middle schools in Oakland and Franklin Lakes.
2. During the first week of January, IHHS held an alumni reception for 1<sup>st</sup> year college students to share their experiences.
3. In he athletics he was very proud of the fact that both the hockey team and basketball teams beat Ramapo.

4. He discussed two initiatives:
  - a. Wellness – sitcha movement to promote a healthy environment to students.
  - b. Gritt Program – a goal setting program that helps seniors learn to survive tougher environments
5. On Tuesday the school hosted therapy dogs.
6. The DECA team is going to Atlantic City for the State Finals.
7. In February the school will be skyping with the author of Amanda Brown.
8. The Relay for Life is kicking off on 2/16 at Ramapo High School.

Mr. Smith, Ramapo's newly appointed principal at Ramapo discussed the various Ramapo activities

Athletic Achievements – Ramapo's soccer team won Group 3 for the state and is ranked #11 nationally.

Physical Education – the mountain bike program is going well. The ropes course has been completely redone for the spring.

Arts – digital animation is coming in.

He discussed the various band concerts coming up.

The schools held IEP nights for the incoming freshmen and had a large turnout.

Parent teacher conferences were discussed.

The school held Financial Aid Night for seniors as well as alumni night where seventeen college freshman came to talk about their experiences. In addition, counselors from various colleges visited the high schools.

Mr. Iasello – Principal of Eisenhower Middle School could not attend as he was conducting meetings on cyber bullying with his middle school students as well as preparing workshops for the parents on this topic.

Mr. Kuder- Superintendent for the Wyckoff School District

Mr. Kuder noted that there is a facebook page promoting full time kindergarten in the district. The board has reviewed the pros and cons of the issue but to date does not plan to change the program.

The superintendent has been visiting other schools in Pittsburgh to look at the various Stem Programs. They are ahead of us by about 3 years due to their proximity to Carnegie Mellon.

The district is also looking at block play to be used for younger students to help with problem solving and creativity.

The district is also planning to change the nature of the workshops for parents to make them more interactive. The next workshop is on 2/7/17 from 4-6pm. The topic is "What your child is using in the schools."

The PTO Presidents from the 5 schools briefly introduced themselves.

The Economy Shop asked for continued volunteer support. The terms for the current board expire at the end of this year. The schools need to help put together the new board. There is also a need for VP of volunteers to keep track of the website.

The next meeting will be on April 20, 2017 at the Sicomac School.

The meeting closed at 10:27 AM.

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