



January 6th, 2005

Transportation and Operation Center Conference Room 7:00 P.M.

Snack and Scribe provided by Winslow

<p>7:00 Welcome & Introductions</p>	<p>Meeting started once again on time.</p>
<p>Approval of December minutes</p>	<p>Minutes were approved after one change to the Parker Parents' Group section.</p>
<p>Representatives' Bring & Share</p>	<p>See Below.</p>
<p>Liaison Reports</p>	<p>See Below</p>
<p>Guest Speaker. Daria McElheran ELA Director</p>	<p>With the district for three months and already making a positive impact. She has 20+ years of teaching experience, experience as a principal, and extensive experience in literacy and reading. She has reviewed most of the curriculum maps that exist within our district addressing the English Language Arts - - her job is to help the district raise the academic performance in the English Language Arts area – reading, writing, speaking and listening. She is proud to say that we are expanding our teacher training in the English Language Arts area. Daria and other professionals from St. John Fisher and Genesee are providing the training. English Language Arts is a life long learning journey. We as parents have to model that reading and writing is important - -having books around home, reading newspapers and magazines - - be seen as readers and writing. The ELAs starting next year will be given at the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade level - - this part of the No Child Left Behind Act.</p>

Partnership Schools -Projects

- Status on unwanted home mailing
- Partnership school survey
- Parent Education Program feedback

We are increasing the communication to “alert” parents that the Partnership Schools Survey is coming and we really want your input. For the bulk mail problems - - we may end up sending some of the surveys first or second class that go to those difficult zip code areas. Suggested mailing out the Friday at the end of the Spring Break so that they arrive the week after Spring Break. We will continue to give certificates for maintain their excellent response rate or improve their response rate – if the rate hasn’t been high in past years. The secondary school Parent groups may want to do a phone tree or e-mail reminders once the survey is in the home to get parents to fill them out and return them.

What are we doing to strengthen our Parent Education Programs? Flyers will be created for the upcoming programs and given out at the DPAC meeting to be shared throughout the district to invite all parents to attend any and all events. These will also be “plugged” in the school newsletters and on the District Website.

We have made a survey to get input from Parents on what they would like to see in the way of Parent Education and input on how we are currently doing. Some input on whom we get notified about Parent Education and also reminding parents what are the Parent Education events – Curriculum Night, Literacy Night, etc. Some of the Parent Education Programs are so good they should be repeated so that if the night was bad for some parents they could attend the second session.

We are mailing district information to parents who have students in out of district programs. We are placing MEMO headers at the top of information going out to help parents identified important information and the content of the material. We talked about website navigation and load times of different sections of the site. Each school has a parent improvement plan - - are parents see a difference – HOMEWORK for our next meeting.

The Principals are working on the improved report cards and a survey will go out with the next report card.

The month of December was very normal. Only one problem which was the late start time because of the wind storm knocking out power to a couple of our schools - - there was a transportation delay of one hours and if it ever happened again the bus will show up one hour later.

Looking ahead - - - ELA testing and mid-year tests at the secondary level. Have the kids get sleep and eat a good breakfast.

Budget development is underway - - we are hopeful that we will be able to keep the rate increase low. We will know more after the governor’s report in two weeks regarding State Aid Budget. We are thinking that the rate may be around 3% or lower - - we’ll all see.

8:30 Superintendent's Report

- District Priorities follow up

	<p>Space Committee comes to the Board with their report the second board meeting this month. Leary school will be redistricted - - a phased in approach. Some of the Leary kids will go to Winslow. Leary kids will go to Burger and Burger needs a capital renovation to increase its size. Roth will have some capital improvements also - - making the small gym bigger. We may add on some improvements at the high school related to an athletic field hours - - \$20M</p>
	<p>Starting Earth Science at the 8th grade level and taking away one day of gym. There are increased standards coming for Math and our Math periods are too short - - we may lengthen the math periods and also lengthening the English Language Arts program.</p>
<p>8:45 Board of Education Report</p>	<p>December 7th we want through the program services review as it relates to the district budget. It is part of the budget development process for the next year. It allows us to focus on how money is being spent and for what programs. An external auditor reported that the district is in good financial standing. We review some school improvement plans around working on raising academic scores for special needs kids.</p>
<p>8:50 Open Discussion Celebrations & Refinements</p>	<p>No time - - next month.</p>