

Olean City School District
Operations Committee Meeting
401 Wayne Street – LGI Room
Tuesday, May 2, 2017
4:30 pm

Present: Ira Katzenstein Mary Hirsch-Schena
 Frank Steffen, Jr. Paul Hessney
 Colleen Taggerty Jen Kless
 Jen Mahar Aaron Wolfe
 Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry

Guest: Halley Kottwitz – phone conference

Observer: Michiko McElfresh

Young Entrepreneurs Academy

Halley Kottwitz from So. Tier West discussed the after school program

- 30 week program for grades 6-12 (one day per week)
- Will create business plan at the end of the program, will fill out applications, interviews process
- Will go on field trips
- Tuition is \$495 per student; \$20 application fee (hoping for 3 – 4 students from each local component school district)
- BOCES CoSer – 80% aidable; scholarships are available through sponsors and businesses
- To date \$6500 has been raised/donated
- Computer labs at JCC will be used for the program; SBU will be used for events
- Bolivar-Richburg has committed so far

Standards Based Report Cards

- Jen Kless updated the committee regarding the following:
- Task Force members, meetings, and discussions at meetings
- Sample of standards based report cards

Public Comments at board meetings

- The committee will review existing board policies regarding public expression at board meetings, public complaints, regular board meetings, NYSSBA information regarding public participation at board meetings, Committee on Open Government opinion regarding public speaking at open meetings, and sample policies for other districts
- Paul noted that he would like for the public to comment at any meeting and not be limited to agenda items
- The committee will submit recommendations to all committee member

Enrichment Program

- Request from parent to re-instate “Gifted and Talented” classroom
- Need to look at what is currently being done district-wide
- Colleen will respond to the letter

Creation of HS Club

- A high school student has requested the creation of a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) club
- Information regarding the GSA was distributed to the committee
- Further discussions: advisory stipend not in the budget; would need to negotiate the advisor position with the OTA; etc.

Other

- Paul noted he brought up the issue of district-funded trips for extra-curricular clubs – this item will be placed on the June agenda
- Paul discussed the creation of other scholarships (ie, Penny Scholarship – jars being placed at various area businesses, money collected will be awarded via scholarship)

2016-2017 Committee Goals

- Cycle to review textbooks and curriculum maps
- Review policies
- Data analysis (add SWD to the list)
- Parent involvement/family engagement
- Differentiated learning – collect data for one year to determine what is currently being done; financial impact of incorporating in the 17-18 budget
- ESSA implementation – training/impact on schools

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm

Next meeting: June 6, 2017 at 4:30