



Learning is our Mission

Mid-Year District Goal Report

Board of Education Goal #1:

In collaboration with the Superintendent of Schools, revise and update the Woodstown-Piles Grove Regional School District Policy Manual by May 2019.

- The second reading of Policy was completed in December. Policy is currently being formatted for on-line viewing.

Board of Education Goal #2:

Utilize the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJ SBA) to facilitate Board development workshops highlighting the Board's Role in Student Achievement, Curriculum, Finance and Budget Development utilizing previously scheduled Board Meeting dates TBD.

- Our Board participated in a finance workshop held at our December work-session.
- Planning for the spring Curriculum workshop is underway.

Superintendent's Goal #1:

In collaboration with the District Administrative Team and Board of Education, revise and update the Woodstown-Piles Grove Regional School District Regulation Manual to establish District-wide, updated, systems and processes by May 2019.

- The second reading of Regulation occurred in December. Regulation is being prepared for administrator on-line access.

Superintendent's Goal #2:

Revise and update the NJ DOE QSAC mandated District Plans via collaboration with each respective Department by June 2019.

- The IPM, IAQ, LRFP, CMP, PD, mentoring plans are completed; the 5-year curriculum plan and technology plans are in draft.

Superintendent's Goal #3:

Promote capacity for professional community and positive acknowledgement of staff, utilizing exemplary Student Growth Objectives and /or Percentiles as a basis for recognition.

- Fall teacher videos are displayed on our website.

Strategic Planning Update

Public, Strategic Planning Meetings were facilitated on:

- Tuesday, October 16, 2018, WMS All Purpose Room, 7-8 pm
- Wednesday, November 14, 2018, MSS Library (After PTO Meeting)
- Tuesday, December 4, 2018, WHS Cafeteria, 7-8 pm Monday,
- January 14, 2018. MSS Cafeteria, Anti-bias Focus Group

Notes were completed in Strategic Planning spreadsheet for group distribution and administrative analysis. All notes are currently being compiled to establish priority goals and strategies. Anti-bias Focus Group notes will also be reflected in our Comprehensive Equity Plan.

A News Brief on School Innovations

Each of our schools continues to be innovative. Here are highlights of some of their initiatives:

William Roper School:

Early Childhood Advisory Council

- Part of the Three Year Preschool Program Plan
- Meetings are required four times per year
- The initial meeting addressed current and future communication with families, access to resources and creating an atmosphere where families feel valued by our school

Outcomes include:

- Guest at morning meetings
- Wall of Fame – a picture of all students in the building; two students highlighted per day
- Future goal – mentor families, transition activities to and from the building
- Surveying families registering in the school

Mary Shoemaker Elementary:

Technology:

- All classrooms have TruTouch televisions
- All instructional areas have Smart Televisions
- STEM element was added for the Gifted and Talented (SHAPE) and ENCORE programs (includes two 3D printers)

Teacher sessions are offered on:

- Standards based grading
- Technology
- Math - small group instruction
- Literacy Café

Woodstown Middle School:

School Climate Transformation Project in partnership with Rutgers and the DOE:

- A school climate team consisting of parents, teachers and administration
- Three-year program aimed at creating a more positive school climate
- Year one – focused on creating school climate improvement plan
- Year two and year three – focus on implementation of the plan and collection and analysis of data to determine success of the plan

School Climate improvement plan goals are being created focusing on:

- Student motivation to learn
- Student and staff relationships
- Inclusion of diverse population

Woodstown High School:

A new scheduling initiative is underway:

- Reviewed schedules from high performing high schools
- Committee of teachers was established
- Surveyed students, parents and staff for input on different scheduling elements

Current committee recommendations include:

- 8 period fixed schedule
- Increases the class length by five minutes
- Daily one-hour enrichment period
- 30 minutes of common planning time for staff every 3 days

- Allows for tiered interventions for students in I & RS
- Club and class meetings occur without academic interruption
- Allows for group counseling through the school counseling office
- This provides opportunities for students to get extra help during the school day

Anti-Bias Action Plan

Schools must be welcoming, inclusive institutions where students can learn and thrive in a safe environment. Acknowledging that work in these areas is on-going, we have instituted several facets of an Anti-Bias Action plan in the WPRSD. We are excited to investigate joining the, “No Place for Hate” initiative to continue to positively impact the climate and culture of our schools.

The following stakeholders were invited to participate in Anti-Bias Focus Group Meetings

- WHS Students 12/11/18
- Staff 12/12/18
- Faith-based Community Leaders 1/7/19
- Salem County NAACP 1/7/18
- Parents and Community Members 1/14, 7 pm

- Worked with State representatives of the NAACP.
- Investigated joining the Network for Educational Excellence through Equity.
- Hosted Anti-bias reporting Assemblies at WHS.
- Research “No Place for Hate” initiative.
- Began curriculum review and update.

Upcoming BOE Work Session Dates

Thursday 2/21/19 6:00 pm BOE Office

Upcoming BOE Public Meeting Dates

Thursday 2/28/19 6:00 pm MSS Library

