

Coordinating Council Meeting

October 20, 2016

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Presidents Welcome 9:37 AM

Secretary: Minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer: Presented Budget vs. Actual numbers and noted that nothing has changed since last year.

President's Report – Explained the functions and goals of the coordinating council including the fact that it is officially a 501(c)(3) corp. Furthermore, tax i.d. numbers and rules should be addressed with individual PTO presidents.

Mrs. McKay - Superintendent for Ramapo High School and Indian Hills High School was unable to attend this meeting.

Mr. Collins - IHHS Principal introduced Ramapo's newly hired Principal, Mr. Travis Smith. He then reviewed the top 10 list at IHHS which included

1. September – 50th reunion of the first IHHS graduating class was a huge success. In attendance were the school's first quarterback and a variety of other alumni. The group donated \$1500 which will be used for a variety of items including an amphitheater in the school's outdoor classroom.
2. IHHS band currently has 40 members. They took first place in the latest competition.
3. Chris Harren, a former professional basketball player visited the school. He presented a powerful presentation on the ravages of drugs such as heroin. He also provided ideas such as teaching our children to celebrate without alcohol and asking them why they need to drink.
4. The National Honor Society inducted 14 new members this year.
5. The school had 3 therapy dogs brought in October. They had a tremendous effect on the students.

IHHS girls/boys soccer qualified for the county tournament.

The IHHS football team is in the process of rebuilding this year.

The Cross Country team was #1 in the state last year beating out Ridgewood.

IHHS gymnastics is #5 in the county.

Upcoming musical, the Miracle Worker will be performed in the fall.

Tonight, October 20th IHHS is holding its open house from 7-9pm.

Community service fair will be held on October 21st during lunch.

Mr. Smith, Ramapo's newly appointed principal replacing Dr. Louis talked about his transition and the wonderful programs and students at Ramapo.

He discussed Chris Harren's presentation to Ramapo students.

He also discussed Ramapo's successful open house which had occurred earlier in the month.

Upcoming Ramapo Events:

October 27th is Junior College Night for the 11th grade.

October 31st is the Club Fair during lunch.

November 1st at 7pm is the University Programs Open House.

November 4th is the Community Fair.

Night Watch is Ramapo's Fall Play.

The Holiday Festival will stay at Ramapo this year as it has been there in excess of 50 years.

Mr. Smith gave a brief highlight of athletic events to date including the fact that the Boys Soccer team is 12 and 0 and the girls' soccer team is #1 in group 2. The girls Volleyball team was 15-1 to date.

Mr. Kuder- Superintendent for the Wyckoff School District

He introduced Grace White who has been appointed the new supervisor of curriculum for the Wyckoff School District. She plans to connect with parents through parent meetings and is encouraging parents to look at Twitter feeds to get a feel for what is going on in the classrooms.

He asked everyone to be careful using social media.

Two new employees have been added to the district.

Pat Selvatti is the incoming Business Administrator replacing a retirement.

Erica Ward has been brought into the district's newly created districtwide counseling position. She will be working with the Superintendent, town council and police to institute a new drug prevention program in the district.

New programs instituted at the four Wyckoff elementary schools include the daily morning meetings between students and teacher. Maker space is coming on line in the next few months.

Eisenhower's newly built Stem Lab is due to open in November. Chromebooks have been distributed to grades 6-8.

The WEF run was a huge success this year as 1,500 people turned out to support the district.

The Smithsonian Exhibit is currently on display at the Wyckoff Library.

The PTO Presidents from the 5 schools briefly introduced themselves.

Joanne Certo, Eisenhower PTO President noted that Eisenhower is holding its Fall Dinner in November and the 6th grade canteen in October.

The Economy Shop asked for continued volunteer support.

The next meeting will be on January, 26, 2017.

The meeting closed at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted by, Alla Safir-Krause