PIC / PAC MEETING NOTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2021

INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY FORMED PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

- The 11/9/21 meeting represented the inaugural meeting of the newly formed Parent Advisory Council (PAC).
- The PAC is a new initiative by the District, made up of existing PIC members and under the leadership of Bridgette Burtt, District Director of Curriculum and Instruction - Student Programs.
- Going forward PIC meetings and PAC meetings will alternate monthly (PIC in October then PAC in November; PIC in January then PAC in February, etc.)
- The purpose of the PAC is for members to discuss the District grants process and identify how grants such as ESEA and ESSER can provide valuable programming and resources for our students and staff.
- The PAC members are tasked with sharing the meeting information with our school communities and sharing feedback and ideas for future grant/student programming opportunities with the District.

OVERVIEW OF GRANTS PROCESS

- The District uses the Electronic Web Enabled Grants (EWEG) program to apply for grants from the NJ Department of Education.
- Grants fall under several categories:
    - Title I-A: Grants to Improve Basic Programs, awarded based on the percentage of the school population that receives free and reduced lunch.
    - Title II-A: Grants to support Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund
    - Title III: Grants to support Language Instruction for English Language Learners and Immigrant Students
    - Title IV: Grants for Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program (SSAE)
- In order to determine which grants to apply for, the District performs a detailed needs assessment, using input from all stakeholders and quantitative (i.e. test scores) and qualitative (i.e. teacher input/referral logs) data, to identify current needs, applicable grants and determine how the grants can address the current needs.
- Per the 2021-2022 District Budget, revenue from Title I, II, III and IV grants totaled $732,508 in 19-20, $832,509 in 20-21 and is expected to be $749,258 in 21-22.

PAC MEETING
- The PAC meeting consisted of an overview of how data is entered into the EWEG program and how the needs assessment process is conducted.
- The Principles of the schools currently receiving Title I-A grant assistance (Ocean Ave.,Bayview, Leonardo, New Monmouth, Harmony, Fairview, Thorne and Bayshore) gave presentations to explain how their schools use the grant money to support and improve the programs offered to their students.

COMMUNITY PARTNER PRESENTATION
- To complete the meeting, the PAC was given a presentation by Katie Jeleniewski, the Director of Outreach and Adult Reference Librarian for the Middletown Public Library.
- The Library is increasing its outreach to the Community to get the word out about all it has to offer.
- The library has traditional lending of books, movies, audio books, video games and cd's, offers many children's programs, has in person math tutoring, an outdoor storywalk and nature backpacks.
- The Library also offers notary services, job help and resume review, book clubs, loans out wifi hotspots, loans out free/reduced price passes to museums, zoos, amusement parks in the tri-state area and will soon offer 24 hour no contact hold pickups.
- For those who can't get to the library, it offers e-services, such as virtual library cards, BrainFuse (free, live tutoring and homework help in math, reading, writing, science, social studies, SAT, ACT and GED prep and practice tests and more), e-books and audiobooks on Hoopla and Libby and tech help.

  Quick Facts:

  - How to access free homework help through BrainFuse HelpNow:
    - Log on to HelpNow
    - Click "Live Tutoring"
    - Select your subject & grade level
    - Click "Get Live Help"
  - In Person Math Tutoring for grades k-12 meets Monday & Tuesday
  - Winter Reading Challenge starts January 1st on the Beanstack App
  - Teen Volunteers can earn hours for tutoring students k-12 or general volunteering opportunities such as sorting books, program preparation, etc.
    - Contact Marissa Chimento, Teen Librarian mchimento@mtpl.org