

Community Relations Committee Meeting Notes

Tuesday, March 18, 5:00 PM

Attending:

- Board Members - Ray Tai, Barbara Garrity, Phyllis Pascucci, Ana Vander Woude
- Administrators - Barbara Duncan, Mike Petrizzo

Absent: None.

Budget Communication:

Today's meeting was dedicated to discussing the input and suggestions that we have received so far:

- It has been suggested that we should put budget in the right context, meaning, compare our investment and the results with others. Action Items:
 - BG to collect the performance data, such as SAT scores, and send them to BD/MP.
 - BD/MP to create a slide to show the comparison of our cost and performance with State and DFG averages.
- It has also been suggested that we share the info about what measures we have taken to curb the cost. Action item:
 - BD/MP to create a slide for that, items will include things like MCIA, refinancing, and the solar energy exploration, etc.
- For the budget presentation to TC on 3/20, BG, as the B&F chair and an elected board member, will represent the Board to deliver the presentation with our administrators, BD and MP.

Board Member Responsibilities regarding to school election:

Ana checked with NJSBA, and the answer is that there's no clear guideline about what a board member can or cannot do for the budget and board election. Basically, a board member is no different than a private individual citizen as long as he or she is not representing the board in making a statement or taking a position. It is suggested that a board member should clarify or issue a disclaimer that he or she is not representing the board when involved in the election, such as campaigning for a candidate.

Review Communications Self-Assessment Matrix:

To be discussed at next meeting.

Sample Mission Statements:

To be discussed at next meeting.

Next Meeting: 530-7p, on 4/1/08 (Tue).

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Tai