

Community Relations Committee Minutes

Wednesday, August 8, 2007, 1 PM

Attending: Board Members Barbara Garrity, Ray Tai and Ana Vander Woude;

Administrators Barbara Duncan and Mary Beth Currie.

Absent: Phyllis Pascucci

Charter: We generally agreed that

- We are not to be the district's spokespersons.
- We will focus on improving and refining our processes on communications & community involvement

Goals:

- Short term: Make plans for Holmdel Community Day in October.
- Longer term:
 - Review our website, newsletters, calendar, meeting agenda, meeting minutes and other communications vehicles.
 - Explore ways to invite the public into schools

Open Discussion: A number of ideas have been discussed.

- In particular, a "Gold Card" program for senior citizens, which provides an annual card to our seniors for free or discounted admission to school events (e.g., plays, concerts, sporting events, etc.). The committee will recommend the board to adopt this idea for this coming Fall.
- Many other ideas were brain-stormed. They will be further discussed based on the committee's charters and goals in future meetings.
- We'll introduce the Community Relationship Committee at the August BOE meeting, and seek public input.

Next Meeting: 6pm, 9/19/07.