

2009-10 COMPACT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Vails Gate School

Thursday, October 1, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

SCHOOL/ OTHER GROUP	REPRESENTATION (✓)					
	Teacher/ Teach. Asst.	Parent	BOE	Adminis- trator	Community Member	Guests
CCC Chair		✓				
CCC Vice-Chair					✓	
Board of Education Member			✓✓✓			
Central Office	✓			✓✓		
NTA	✓					
NSAA				✓		
CSEA						
DPLC						
School PTA/PTO		✓				
Special Education PTA/PTO						
Bilingual PAC						
Pre-K Program	✓✓				✓	
Balmville		✓✓				
Fostertown	✓✓	✓		✓		
Gardnertown		✓				
Gidney Avenue				✓		
Horizons		✓				
Meadow Hill				✓		
New Windsor	✓	✓✓				
Temple Hill	✓			✓		
Vails Gate		✓✓✓		✓		
West Street	✓✓					
Heritage JHS	✓	✓✓				
North JHS		✓				
South JHS		✓				
Newburgh Free Academy	✓	✓✓✓				
Middle Level Alternative						
Presenter						✓
Observer						
Other:						

Each ✓ indicates one representative (several parents represent more than one school)

Present:

Capacity:

Representing:

María T. De Bourbon
 Carmen I. Cruz
 Frank DeSiervo
 Valerie Díaz
 Danny Dottin
 Elaine Escalera
 Joanne Matthews-Forbes
 Lori Gambill
 Carlos González
 Marisol González
 Roshelle Grant

Social Worker
 Parent
 Parent
 Teaching Assistant
 Administrator
 Parent
 Parent
 Parent
 Parent
 Parent
 Parent
 Teacher

Pre-K Program
 NFA
 Gardnertown School
 West Street School
 Gidney Avenue School
 Vails Gate School/VG PTO/North JHS
 Balmville School
 NFA
 Vails Gate School
 Vails Gate School
 Temple Hill Academy/NTA

Anthony Grice	Teacher	Central Office
Rene Guerriero	Parent	New Windsor School
Ellen Hart	Teacher	Pre-K Program
Andrew Johnston	Parent	Horizons-on-the-Hudson School
Tara Y. Jones	Guidance Counselor	NFA
Jennifer Komondorea	Teacher	Fostertown School
Melinda LaMarche	Administrator	Vails Gate School
Jeffrey Lease	Parent	Balmville School
Sharon Levinstein	Parent	Fostertown School/South JHS
Dr. Gweneth Lloyd-Stevens	Parent	Heritage JHS
Judy McAfee	Member	Board of Education
Angel Monroig	Administrator	Meadow Hill School
William Morgan	P-K Registration Spec.	CCC Vice Chair, Pre-K Program
Dr. David E. Noriega	Administrator	Central Office
Carlin Ognibene	Teacher	New Windsor School
Ralph A. Pizzo	Deputy Superintendent	Central Office
Edward Poppiti	Member	Board of Education
Hildelisa Prado	Teacher	West Street School
Michael Ragusa	Administrator	South JHS
Sylvia Santiago	Parent	CCC Chair, New Windsor School, Heritage JHS, NFA
Robert Shust	Administrator	Fostertown School
Gerald Smith	Teacher	Heritage JHS
Dr. James Thomas	District Physician	Central Office
Gail Tummarello	Administrator	Temple Hill Academy/NSAA
Nathan Vesely	Member	Board of Education
Rochelle Whitted	Teacher	Fostertown School

A total of thirty-seven (37) individuals attended this meeting of the CCC. Of these: thirteen (13) were parents; eight (8) were teachers; one (1) was a teaching assistant; three (3) were Members of the Board of Education; one (1) was the Deputy Superintendent; one (1) was the District's Physician; seven (7) were administrators; one (1) was the Pre-K registration specialist; one (1) was a social worker; and one (1) was a counselor. One of the administrators was also the designated NSAA representative; one of the teachers was also the designated NTA representative.

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Santiago, Chairperson, at 7:10PM

1. Review of minutes – The September minutes were accepted as presented.

New Business

2. School updates on Open House and building goals:

Pre-K - continuing to reach out to parents to improve parent involvement
 - Parents went to New Windsor Community Day and the Newburgh Mall
 - Parent workshops are scheduled

New Windsor - record attendance at open house
 - New parents joined the Compact Building Committee
 - Goal to increase # of students scoring at Performance Levels 3 or 4
 - Goal to increase parent support

Gardnertown - good attendance at open house

- Goal to increase family involvement
- Gardner Town Hall- How can we help parents, help their children
- Literacy Night, math night, fun day planned

Balmville - sign up sheets at open house for parents

- Goal to increase scores by 3% on all standardized tests
- Goal to enhance expressive language skills for all students

West St. - successful open house

- Goals to identify student needs, insure equity, and increase parent involvement

NFA - good turnout for open house

- Student workshops planned for students on resume writing and interview skills

HOH - no report

Heritage JHS - good turnout for open house

- Goals to increase parent involvement
- Focus on 7 habits for successful teens, 7 weeks on each habit

Fostertown - excellent turnout for open house

- Eight new families joined Compact Building Committee
- Focus on bus referrals
- Added a bilingual class, growing Spanish speaking population
- Parent activities include FTC- BBQ, Family Bingo, Song-swap

South JHS - successful open house

- New teachers on Compact Building Committee
- New PTG President
- Goal to raise # of students in Performance Levels 3 and 4

GAMS - successful open house

- Parent involvement- activities scheduled for same night as PTO meeting, librarian will read books, art activity planned
- Data team meeting held to analyze ELA data

Temple Hill Academy - goals to focus on academic success

- Parent involvement- open house presented in both English and Spanish
- All correspondence is in English and Spanish

North JHS - no report

Vails Gate- Successful open house

- New parents on compact
- Possible goals will focus on parent involvement, and increasing the use of technology
- Parent activities- meet and greet at Gloria's Griddle and Grill
- Possible reading workshop to be held at Vails Gate and at the Newburgh Free Library

3. Presentations

Dr. James Thomas, District Physician, presented an overview on the H1N1 Virus. The District has been preparing for all eventualities and appropriate staff will continue to hold meetings and provide advisories as necessary. The school community will be kept informed about steps being taken. The presentation included precautionary steps and resources that can be accessed on-line or via telephone.

Ms. Tara Jones presented on AKA Family Day to be held October 17th from 9:30-1:00 PM at NFA. Tables are available for building compacts to man and to give out information. Buildings were asked to provide Dr. Noriega with a flyer to be made available to parents at the event, to inform them about the Compact Building Committee dates and goals and activities planned. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

For the Good of the Order

4. The Compact Central Committee was asked if a presentation on family involvement could be scheduled. A request was made for Diane Lennon to speak on data, once it is no longer embargoed. A third request was to have district directors present at a meeting.
5. The next meeting will be held on November 5, 2009 at Pre-K at Washington Street, at 7 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.