

**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY LIBRARY
MEETING DATE MARCH 25, 2010 7:00 P.M.**

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

25 MARCH 2010

Community Advisory Committee Members Present: Richard Jordan, Diana Bean, Lisa Adriance, Jim Shelp, Sharon Salsman, and Bill Chaney

Board Members Present: Mary Homan and Kathy Mordovancey

Administration Present: Mike Ognosky and Greg Adams

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.

Items Discussed:

I. Mike Ognosky took the roll and noted the attendance as listed above.

II. Old Business: The following item was presented under Old Business

- **Concerns from the February Meeting:** The following items were reviewed from the February Meeting:
 - ✓ Mr. Ognosky explained that the work on the benches in both the boys' and girls' athletic team rooms has been completed and the protrusions that existed from the bottom of the bench pillars have been eliminated as a safety concern.
 - ✓ As a reminder, Mr. Jordan requested that the committee be made aware of the school results from the PSAT's that were taken in the Fall. Mr. Ognosky had previously said the results would be available to the school in late Spring of 2010. He will go back to the Guidance Office and have them create a report for the Committee when those results are released to the schools.
 - ✓ Mr. Ognosky discussed the initial process that was utilized in the planning for the construction of a new administration building. He explained to the committee the reasons for the rejection of all of the initial bids and communicated the procedures that have been put in place as the project

moves forward. The next step in that process will be the selection of an architectural/engineering service. The Board of Directors will meet with perspective firms and make a decision on that aspect of the project in the near future. That firm will then be the lead as the project moves forward and guide the District through the completion of the project. Mr. Shelp asked if the location of the building will interfere with the current location of the Cross Country Course. Mr. Ognosky responded that one of the reasons for the current site location selection is that it is not in an area where current activities are held. If that should change as the project moves forward it will be communicated to this committee as it has been raised as a concern and consideration.

III. New Business: The following items were discussed under New Business:

- **Mr. Adams, Lathrop Street Principal, reviewed the history and current status of the School Based Behavioral Health Systems (SBBH) that are now in place in both of the elementary schools in the district. Highlights of his presentation included:**
 - ✓ Purpose of the team is to provide a behavioral health home for parents and families through availability of care in school, home and community settings as needed;
 - ✓ To improve communication among youth, family, educators, clinicians and other child serving systems;
 - ✓ To support school staff with training and case specific consultations;
 - ✓ Provide family centered care, trauma sensitive with positive behavioral principles;
 - ✓ Serves both elementary schools (2 separate teams) that have a serious emotional or behavioral disturbances;
 - ✓ Clients must be eligible for medical assistance, they must sign up with Community Care as a client, don't necessarily have to exhibit school problems and an IEP is not required for eligibility;
 - ✓ Teams have a location in each school (that is the schools only cost) and their services may extend into the home and community settings on evenings, weekends, and during the summer – a 24/7 availability of crisis intervention;
 - ✓ A crisis plan is put in place for each family and they have 24/7 availability of staff for phone interventions and crisis response is also available during school for enrolled students;
 - ✓ Team is composed of mental health professionals, behavioral health workers, a Consultant, a clinical doctor and school personnel including the building principal, school nurse, school counselor, IST teacher and team.
 - ✓ Referrals come from parents, school teams, mental health providers, Children in Youth, and Juvenile Probation;
 - ✓ Currently serves 12 families in each of our elementary schools.

At the completion of the presentation the Committee members present asked a number of questions and thanked Mr. Adams for his thorough presentation.

IV. Open Forum: Items of discussion during the open forum included the following:

- Mrs. Salsman asked a question regarding the 8 empty seats in the front row at the graduation ceremony last year. She explained that as the ceremony proceeded she thought it might be that the district would announce the top academic students in the class and have them move into those seats as a recognition in the ceremony. She suggested that the district consider a method of providing additional recognition to those students during the ceremony other than recognition in the program. Mr. Ognosky responded that currently the Top 10 academic students in the class are given gold chords that they wear with their gowns during the ceremony. He conveyed that he would forward Mrs. Salsman's suggestion to the High School Principal for consideration.
- Mr. Chaney asked if the district ever utilized 'risers' in the gymnasium for concert presentations. He attended a recent production and risers were not utilized and he explained that they are a very effective manner of projecting during a musical production. Mr. Ognosky explained that the district has a large set of risers that are capable for holding up to 175 students. They are utilized quite frequently throughout the year and did not know why they were not utilized, or were unavailable, for this production.
- Mr. Ognosky distributed a copy of the projected school calendar for the 2010-2011 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 22nd in the Community Learning Center of the Junior-Senior High School at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by

Mike Ognosky