

## **Building Advisory Committee (BAC) Meeting Minute - May 1st, 2018**

### **Board of Education - Great Neck Public Schools District**

The committee meeting (the fourth and final meeting of school year 2017-18) began at 8:00PM at Phipps Building with twelve of the sixteen members in attendance, including Ms. Adler, Mr. Bourque, Mr. Carras, Mr. Choo, Mr. Ohebshalom, Ms. Raffel, Mr. Thadhani, Ms. Ye, Trustee Saussoni, Mr. Powell, Mr. Cavallaro, and myself. Board President Ms. Berkowitz was our special guest in attendance.

On the agendas, we first discussed committee membership for the next year, including the selection guidelines that are currently under the board review. Given that we are first year into this new committee, we incline to invite everyone, who is willing and able, back for a second-year. We intend to establish a staggered two-year term for the committee members so there is a smooth transition over membership turnover, and increase the reach and representation of the community in the long run.

We also discussed capital project additions to the 2018-19 proposed budget for the school security, especially the entrance/vestibule improvements for all the campuses. As a response to the outpouring community support for more school security after the Parkland shooting, we proposed these additional security measures in the budget. The school is also reviewing our security options and readiness, including processes and protocols (such as security clearance for all school visitors). Security audits are being performed by NCPD and an independent audit will be performed by a third-party security firm. Mr. Carras, a SMS teacher, praised the additional police presence at the building level and ongoing security exercises to prepare the students and teachers for the emergency. We encourage our members and community to be vigilant and contact the school district of any suspicious activity or security deficiency at school facilities. For urgent matters, Ms. Berkowitz reminded everyone, "when you see something suspicious, please call the district security hotline at **516-441-4911**".

Building Director Mr. Cavallaro provided status of on-going and on-deck construction projects in great details. They are on or close to schedule with no red flag being raised. Assistant Superintendent Mr. Powell provided financial updates of the capital projects and annual inter-fund transfers. For next school year of 2018-19, we anticipate some of the projects from 2017 Bond Referendum will get SED approvals and enter into construction phase. Stay tuned as we are getting busier!

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Traffic Study at the North High School, North Middle School and the vicinity had received two qualified bids. A contract will be awarded shortly for the study.

Once again, we thank all members for their committee participation and continued support for the public education in our community. We are looking forwards to seeing you in the school year of 2018-19! The help and support from the administrators, especially from Board Secretary Ms. Koslow, Mr. Cavallaro and Mr. Powell, are greatly appreciated! We are also very grateful for the students' participation despite their very busy schedules. Thank you Ms. Magny Nabavian from North High and Mr. Andersen Gu from South High. We wish you continued success and participation in the public services!

Respectfully submitted,  
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Trustee, Great Neck Public Schools Board of Education