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January 31, 2017-April 28, 2017

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Wyandanch Union Free School District Milton L. Olive Middle School

### ATTACHMENT A

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM MEETING AGENDAS, MINUTES, AND SIGNIN SHEETS

### WYANDANCH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

6PM

### Agenda President – Lisa McQueen-Starling

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1	Welcome
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- 2. Review of Minutes of 2/28/17
- 3. Matters Arising From Minutes

### New Business:

- 4. Data Analysis Results from Renaissance 360
- Lisa McQueen-Starling Malloy College Meeting w/Elia
- 6. Report on Status Saturday Academy Classes
- 7. Report on ELA Tests Administration
- 8. CET Mentorship Activities
- 9. Olive Rising Parent Engagement Newsletter
- 10. NYS Testing Calendar
- 11. Report on Gardening/Agriculture Activities
- 12. Open Agenda
- 13. Wrap UP
- 14. Next Meeting Date
- 15. Adjournment



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### **MLO CET Meeting**

### March 28, 2017

Start time: 6:00 pm

Location: Central Office, Large BOE Room

Ms. Lisa McQueen and Dr. Jones began the meeting by distributing the minutes from the February 28, 2017 meeting. The MLO newsletter, *Olive Pride*, was also shared with CET members.

After reviewing the February 28, 2017 minutes, a recommendation posed by Ms. Edwards (of Citibank) is to use the word "stated" in the minutes, as opposed to "mentioned." Dr. Veronica Henry (SUNY Farmingdale) added that the use of the word "reported," could also be substituted for the term "mentioned." The word substitutions were recommended, since "mentioned" has a casual connotation.

The February 28, 2017 minutes were accepted by participants.

Mrs. Talbert, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, discussed Renaissance STAR 360, indicating that last screening window ended approximately two weeks ago. Based on analysis of the data, although at MLO the fifth grade took a slight dip on the last screening, all other MLO ELA and Math results grew. LFH and MLK also showed growth, albeit a slight dip in third-grade ELA results. Mrs. Talbert stated that she and Ms. Rivera recently attended a Renaissance STAR 360 workshop, and the district is continuing to delve into the data, with special emphasis on third-grade and fifth-grade ELA Renaissance results.

In response to a question by a CET member, Mrs. Talbert, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, reported that students take the screener every ten weeks. In addition, Renaissance Accelerated Reader is available. This provides students with opportunities to read texts that are at or slightly above their present literacy levels. Mrs. Talbert stated that WUFSD has recently purchased and distributed classroom libraries to support the Accelerated Reader program. This program is utilized at all buildings throughout the district.

Regarding Accelerated Reader, Ms. Rivera, Rtl Curriculum Associate, added that there is an independent reading component where students can read texts and take comprehension quizzes. The instructional component assists teachers in identifying literacy gaps, and enables them to assign articles to students across genres in order to target skills such as close reading and providing text-based evidence. Teachers are able to review both small group and independent literacy activities to provide targeted instruction that meets the specific needs of each student. In response to Dr. Henry's question about interactivity, Ms. Rivera stated that students take quizzes on the computer, based on what they recently read. Mrs. Guarneri, Director of ELA and Second Language Acquisition, added that there are articles in both English and Spanish. Mrs. Talbert stated that today a special needs student proudly shared with her the movement of one grade level in reading; accordingly, another student related movement of two grade levels during this academic year.

Dr. Jones spoke briefly about the portables. She stated that that the portables are a challenge due to the immaturity level of fifth graders. One consideration is to provide fifth-graders with one additional year at MLK to prepare them for the rigors of MLO. Dr. Jones stated that we are looking at additional space to accommodate the fifth graders at MLK Elementary School.

Ms. Lisa McQueen attended a Superintendents-College Presidents Partnership (SCPP) conference at Molloy College, attended by NYS Education Commissioner Elia. What was of particular interest to Ms. McQueen is the growing need to prepare students for the rigor of post-secondary education; this issue is not just germane to Wyandanch. At the SCPP conference, NYSED Education Commissioner Elia shared that there will be some detrimental cuts to education, and she emphasized the importance of staying vigilant about how cuts will impact districts, especially high-needs districts such as Wyandanch.

Mrs. Talbert shared that many programs such as 21st Century, Gear Up, and partnerships with higher learning institutions, such as SUNY Farmingdale, are at risk of facing cuts. Dr. Jones encouraged the involvement of community members to support our initiatives. She touted the many success stories in the Wyandanch community, highlighting the many professionals who live and/or work in Wyandanch.

Officer Dara suggested that we make use of social media to highlight our accomplishments. She stated that those individuals who "like" what we are doing would be most willing to share the positive aspects of the Wyandanch community.

Dr. Jones reported that the curriculum team has been actively spending time at MLO. Due to a shortage of bilingual and ENL teachers, for instance, Mrs. Guarneri has been teaching ENL classes at MLO. She and other members of the Curriculum team have also been providing embedded coaching to MLO teachers.

In response to a comment made by Dr. Henry, Mrs. Thomas, STEAM Curriculum Associate, reported that the Curriculum Office arranged for the Z Space lab to be introduced to students, faculty, staff, and administrators during the 2015-2016 school year. She related that MLO will have Z Space available for students at MLO, which will be housed in room 19, beginning by April 2017.

Dr. Jones discussed parental involvement initiatives. She indicated that parental involvement at MLO is very high with Hispanic parents/persons in parental relation. Consequently, she stated that we are working diligently to promote parental involvement of African American parents. Dr. Jones reached out to members of the CET, encouraging the support of CET members in this regard.

Dr. Jones then reached out to tap into the support of SUNY Farmingdale. Dr. Jones encouraged that SUNY Farmingdale assist PTECH scholars with writing initiatives, referencing a scholarly approach to writing. Dr. Jones asked Dr. Henry to consider providing support at least once each week.

Dr. Jones thanked members of the CET team for supporting the MLO Saturday Academy. She particularly thanked Ms. Lisa McQueen and Ms. Pat Edwards for providing bagels for all student attendees at the ELA Saturday Academy. There are three more sessions left, which will support Math initiatives (April 1st, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and April 29<sup>th</sup>). Members of the CET agreed to work out who will provide the bagels.

In response to questions from the CET, Mrs. Talbert provided feedback about today's testing administration at MLO. She stated that there were two testing sessions, and she believes that the Saturday Academy sessions helped to build the stamina required on the ELA assessments. Mrs. Guarneri, who has been present all all Saturday Academy sessions, feels that students are responding well to the Saturday Academy. She explained that, on the first day, there were slightly less than 60 students attending. However, she has noticed students encouraging other students to attend. Presently there are on average 120 students attending regularly.

Discussion then went to the topic of Mentorship Activities. Ms. Pat Edwards reported that she is mentoring a new student, effective last Friday. This particular student's house burned down last January, and mom provided permission for Ms. Edwards to serve as a mentor, which is working out nicely. Dr. Karen Kirschbaum of Western Suffolk BOCES, and her husband are also mentoring students. Officer Dara shared that she meets with a group of eight 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys during lunch, and she stated that she finds this group a bit challenging. Officer Dara is encouraging students to set goals for their future endeavors, rather than focusing on the importance of teenage peer status systems, such as designer clothing. One participant mentioned that mentors may benefit from research provided by the Hagedorn Community Forum on executive function. An invitation will be going out, and it will be shared with all members of the CET.

Ms. Laurie Farber spoke about the student that she is mentoring. She has known this student for years, and they have developed a relationship due to Earth Rangers. She is supporting this student with literacy, and Ms. Farber has ongoing communication with mom, who is very appreciative. Ms. Farber indicated that she is looking into mentoring another student, who is presently in the fourth-grade.

Dr. Jones asked the Curriculum Department to share great news about MLO's STEAM initiatives. Mrs. Talbert reported that Jadon Logan, a sixth-grade student, placed first in the LI Science and Engineering Fair, which was held last week at the Crest Hollow Country Club. His project is entitled "Static Electricity in a Pan." Ms. Pat Edwards stated that a document with talking points highlighting the accomplishments of Wyandanch students be made available to CET members, so that they can help promote all the wonderful happenings at Wyandanch schools.

Ms. Pat Edwards stated that, on April 18<sup>th</sup>, Citi volunteers will read to elementary students from 8:30am-11:00am at MLK. Students will receive books to take home. This is the third year that this has taken place at MLK.

Ms. Daphne Gordon, Suffolk County Community College, reported that, on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30m-12:00pm young entrepreneurs will be brought in to introduce technology and entrepreneurship, and she invited WUFSD to participate.

Dr. Veronica Henry reported that 60 Wyandanch PTECH students attended a STEM summit at SUNY Farmingdale on March  $16^{\rm th}$ . They received citations from Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and Assemblywoman Kimberly Jean Pierre.

The next CET session will be April 25, 2017. This meeting ended at 8:30PM.

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The meeting opened at 6:12 pm. Participants were asked to review the minutes from the CET meeting held on January 31, 2017.

Ms. Edwards mentioned that a list of potential mentors for MLO students was circulated, and there are about six adult volunteers. Additionally, Ms. Holliday mentioned that the former church of Dr. Roberts contacted her, and there is additional interest in mentoring. Dr. Jones indicated that adult mentors express their interest(s), and Dr. Jones and Human Resources collaborate to make the process work. Ms. McQueen-Starling mentioned that some parents, who graduated from the parent/leadership program, also expressed interest in mentoring.

Officer Dara was introduced. Prior to being a police officer, she was an elementary school teacher. She supports the Wyandanch UFSD. All participants introduced themselves.

Suffolk Community College extended an invitation to administrators, guidance, counselors, parents, and CET members at the Brentwood Campus. The invitation is to a dinner on March 21, 2017 from 4pm-6pm, Captree Room 114. Dr. Daphne Gordon mentioned that the purpose is to showcase the various programs that can benefit Wyandanch students. Having exposure to the various programs will give people a better idea of the questions to ask. Mr. Blassingame suggested that those individuals who can attend provide Dr. Gordon with their names.

Mr. Vanterpool was asked to provide an update. At last night's awards ceremony at MLO, there was a great turnout. Mr. Vanterpool encouraged parents to attend the ELA/Math test preparation meeting on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. After the assessments, there will be a basketball tournament of students vs. staff. The Saturday academy will begin on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. For students attending the Saturday review programs on March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup>, students will receive vouchers to skate at RINX, which will be valid until the skating rink closes on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Part-time reading and math teachers are helping to prepare students for the upcoming exams, providing tiered instructional interventions. Mr. Vanterpool responded to a question by stating that currently the part-time teachers are working with the students in need of Tier 3 instruction. Mr. Vanterpool met with mentors, who will be coming to the school on Friday to work with students. Officer Dara mentors students every Tuesday and Thursday. Mr. Vanterpool stressed that PBIS initiatives are in place.

A question was asked about the 5<sup>th</sup> grade who did not do as well last year on the assessment. Mr. Vanterpool shared that the current 5<sup>th</sup> graders did well in 4<sup>th</sup> grade last year. The building is focusing on 100 students in each grade. Dr. Jones explained that we do not want Level 1 students, but if we do not exceed 50 students in Level 1 for each grade level, we should make our target. The Math assessment is the first week in May, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science assessments will be in May (performance) and June (written).

Mr. Vanterpool believes that 15 teachers will be working the Saturday program, which begins March 4<sup>th</sup>. Parents are still sending in permission slips, and the district is providing the busses. When asked how the CET members can support the Saturday initiative, Mr. Vanterpool

mentioned that providing breakfast would be a great help. Ms. Holliday, Ms. McQueen-Starling and Ms. Edwards will collaborate to see if they can provide bagels for breakfast for the Saturday review program.

Ms. Holliday asked how parents will be discouraged from opting-out of the assessments. Mr. Vanterpool explained that last year parents were met with on an individual basis, to discourage them from having their children opt out, and this was successful. Dr. Jones mentioned that we need 98% participation rate, and that last year Wyandanch had the highest participation rate on Long Island. For us to be removed from the lists, students must sit for the assessments.

Mr. Blassingame mentioned that he has seen the practice packets sent home. At this Thursday's meeting, administrators and teachers will experience simulations of the ELA and Math assessments. Dr. Jones mentioned that on February 15<sup>th</sup>, she demonstrated to parents on how to set up homework work

Ms. Blanca A. Villanueva, of AQE, shared that there will be a march for justice, which she is collaborating with Mr. Crawford. Brentwood, Hempstead, Westbury, and other districts will be participating. She spoke with County Executive Steve Bellone's office today, and the location has been changed to the parking lot adjacent to the MLK Jr. Health Center. Although she passed out a flyer at tonight's meeting, an updated flyer indicating the revised location will be sent to Dr. Jones. The march will take place on Straight Path in Wyandanch, discussing topics such as CUNY, SUNY, and pre-k. The march is anticipated to last for two hours.

Mrs. Holliday mentioned that she is going to Albany on behalf of the Wyandanch Library and the Wyandanch UFSD to lobby for funding. She suggested that Mr. Ronald Allen, Wyandanch BOE President, be invited to speak at the march on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Pertaining to a follow-up question, it was mentioned that 155 skating tickets have already been picked up at the library, and there are approximately 270 tickets available for MLO students. The next CET meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

The meeting ended at 7:10pm.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Margaret Guarneri

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The meeting convened with Dr. Jones thanking the members of the CET in attendance who came to the meeting.

The MINUTES for the 12/12/17 CET Meeting were placed on line. Some members stated that they haven't seen the minutes and/or didn't have time to read them. The Minutes for the last meeting were not read. It was stated that combining the CET meeting with the Community Involvement meeting was a good idea. The joint meeting was well attended and the Guest Speaker informative

Dr. Jones took this time to discuss Commissioner Elia's recent visit to the Wyandanch UFSD with Regent Tilles. She stated that the Commissioner recognized that some progress was made and congratulated the Administration but more impactful student achievement had to take place. The purpose of the visit was to come see the Districts in the Long Island region who had schools in Receivership. Dr. Jones further stated that the Commissioner asked District Partners attending the visit to help with resources and/assistance. An example being the need for more Math support to assist the Math program. Ms. McQueen-Starling stated that she felt Administrators were deeply committed. She added that it had to be heartbreaking to improve scores and then told it must do much better. She further added that the method of funding was unjust. Ms. McQueen-Starling further stated that the Community needs to come together and put pressure on the politicians in an effort to provide more money to the District. Mr. Blassingame stated that Wyandanch created part of its own situation. Mrs. Edwards added that the voters of the District carry weight. If only a fraction of the voters come out to the polls, politicians feel less obligated to provide necessary resources. Another member of the team suggested that Albany (Flanagan, Marcellino) owe many districts millions of dollars. She added that a nearby district was owed over \$100 million dollars. There was consensus that other Community Resources must find its way into the schools.

There was a discussion on the recent article regarding Districts in "Financial Stress." Dr. Jones took this opportunity to report to the CET about the new portables housing Grade 5 students at MLO. Dr. Jones took aim at the article telling the CET that the District did not float a bond for the work. The purchase price was \$60,000 but the actual cost of the project was over a million dollars and the district paid for the work using budget funds. Dr. Jones explained that items such as Permissions, Filing Fees, and Clerk of the Work, materials, and labor made the cost of the project as high as it was. Dr. Jones asked the CET not to believe that we have no money. She explained the fact that NYSED only provides tax payments twice a year and that Districts are forced to borrow to meet payroll and to run the District. Dr. Jones explained that we borrow money from the city of Buffalo. She added that we do not have large reserves like so many other Long Island districts.

Dr. Jones informed the CET that we working very hard to get our schools off State Lists. She identified our After School Programs where participating student some three days a week for 2 hours a day. She added that the district was looking to identify 100 students at each State Testing Level for "Extra Care." The goal is to reduce the number of students coring in Level 1 by 50 or more and have our Level 2 students improve to at least Level 3.

The next topic of discussion was formation of a Mentoring Program. It was discussed that our goal should be to have our students, College and Career ready. It was cited that many of our students post

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### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

### 6PM

### Agenda

- 1. Review of Minutes
- 2. Matters Arising from the Minutes
- 3. Data Review
- 4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Receivership Report
- 5. 4th Quarter Receivership Report
- 6. 2 year NYS Test Comparison
- 7. MLO School Garden
- 8. MLO Farming
- 9. Wrap UP
- 10. Next Meeting Date
- 11. Adjournment



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### Meeting began at 6:10pm

Dr. Jones distributed the agenda, the minutes from the last meeting, Office of Innovation and School Reform Receivership end of Year/ $4^{th}$  Quarter Report 2016, Quarterly Report and Continuation Plan (2016/2017), and School Comparison 2 year NYS Test Comparison to all the members of the CET team who were present.

Dr. Jones thanked everybody for coming the first CET meeting for the 2016/2017 school year. She then stated that there is sign in sheet going around and advised everybody to make sure they sign it and that the email address is correct, handouts will be distributed via email after this.

Dr. Jones asked who read the minutes from the last meeting, no one raised their hand that they had read it, so she gave a few minutes for everybody to read and see if there was any questions or if anything that needed to be revised.

Dr. Jones stated that the CET meetings will continue to take place on the last Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. The meetings will take place in the Large Boardroom.

We received the performance report, however we have not received an overall report on the receivership progress. Discussed visiting a school in Massachusetts, it's a model school the state uses. Dr. Jones stated she will need a couple of dates from the CET members on when they would be available to visit the school. She would like to take the trip before the holidays. Mrs. Baker asked if Dr. Jones had contacted the school yet, Dr. Jones said she had not yet because she wanted to get dates first. Mrs. Baker asked "do you want to go when school is in session?" Dr. Jones said "yes, we are going to see classrooms" Three dates that were collaboratively decided on were: October 24, 2016, November 21, 2016, or December 1, 2016. Dr. Jones will call them tomorrow to see if they could schedule a date. If more than 18 people go then we might have to get a charter bus.

Talked about a Community School Coordinator, position written into a grant, still have not gotten a response back, as soon as the district hear, Dr. Jones will let the team know.

K12insight survey was completed as part of the DTSDE, they reviewed the results of the survey with the district and with the community at the library. Some parts looked very positive, the parent responses about the teachers were good. We do have to work on other things such as: on staff attendance, student achievement and other areas that were not good.

Data review- looked at the 2 year comparison reports and showed the growth that was made. Dr. Jones opened the floor for questions, someone mentioned "There was a 3% drop in MLO do we know what happened" Dr. Jones asked Mr. Tue if he could respond to that, Mr. Tue stated "There was a transition with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders moving to MLO, space was tight, and both teachers

and students needed to make the adjustment to the new school. This year the 5th grade students will be moving to the portables and they will be open soon, they were just delivered this weekend and the  $5^{\mathrm{th}}$  graders will be moving in there and that should be a good transition for them." Dr. Jones" the portables were purchased from Commack, hoping to get students in them by the first week of November". Ms. Starling talked about looking at different points of data that had an impact on the result of Wyandanch Schools being put on the lists and MLO becoming a Receivership school, she would like to challenge and question the state as to why districts (a district in New Rochelle) who have 95% opt out and they are not on receivership and we are. Looking to collect the data and impacts to bring it, putting a pamphlet together focusing on home ownership, homes (renting vs. owning), job market, and education- putting it in writing to show what's happening. Their (New Rochelle) Congressman is fighting for them and saying the property values will go down if they are penalized and put on the list and our Congressman is not fighting for us. Dr. Jones had a conversation with the assistant commissioner and she said she would look into this. In the 2014/2015 school year 88% of our students took the assessments and the district was penalized and still got put on the list. The district has been providing intensive professional development for the staff to help increase academic growth and focus on instructional practices, staff has been trained in Common Core and learning is happening looking at the results. This past year 94% of the students took the sate assessments. We intend to send something to the State Department of Education to ask to remove us from Receivership, just waiting for the final report. Vanessa Baird-Streeter stated goals were set based on improvement (demonstrable improvements) and it looks like in most categories we have met those goals. Dr. Jones stated we did get developing with parent involvement the score was 2 out of 4, they said there wasn't enough improvement. Regents' tests are for students who are advanced "Living Environment regents wasn't given this year why?" Mr. Tue "to get students ready for the P-Tech program they have to take Earth Science in 8<sup>th</sup> grade now, flipped the Earth Science and Living Environment". "Algebra went from 15% to 61% "Dr. Jones stated they changed teachers.

Receivership Report- These are the reports submitted to the state that reflect Jan 8, 2016-April 15, 2016. Still focusing on the 13 indicators, still projecting the increases. Pay special attention to 2016/2017 school year continuation plan, we are adding these new items. (page 3 of the document). The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report also included a survey which is included. Vanessa Baird-Streeter "Have we extended the school day by 1 hour" Dr. Jones "that will start in October, but it will be in all the schools, it will be the after school programs". This is opened to all students but it is not mandatory, we target student who need the extra support and encourage the parents. Mr. Tue" we will target the students who need the extra services and provide them with AIS services and talk to parents and explain it is in the child's best interest to attend". It shows that these programs work, can give more one on one and small group instruction. Mr. Tue explained "the state has given the schools the opportunity to provide AIS before and after school, this year we will take advantage of the after school program for AIS". Vanessa Baird-

Streeter "so they are not getting pulled out of the class?" Mr. Tue "correct but this year we have skills classes built into the schedule to provide extra support on skills".

The Wellness Policy has been read 2 times already at the BOE meetings and will be voted on next meeting. Ms. Farber, Dr. Kirschbaum and Mrs. Thomas- Ms. Farber stated- This past Tuesday received approved for team Depot – Home depot is sending people to build 16 new gardens and compost is being donated as well. Looking for additional funding to put 6 boxes in the high tunnel. Elementary apply for the Whole Kids Foundation to see if we could get 2 tower gardens for the elementary school. Dr. Kirschbaum she works with Western Suffolk BOCES and she had been funded to continue working with the district, meeting as a school community, district has agreed to have a team in each building to have the needs of the buildings address regarding exercise, nutrition and healthy foods. Dr. Kirschbaum explained the Ms. Teicher applied for and received a big grant that provides healthy snacks for all students grades  $\operatorname{Pre} k$  -4, they get a snack of fresh fruits and vegetables every Friday. She also explained that she is able to do parent workshops. Mrs. Thomas-said on October 17 they will meet as a committee about the grant that is due December 8th to decide what kind of project they would like to implement. Dr. Jones explained," we are trying to incorporate agriculture into the curriculum as well, it's not just about faming, it includes the sciences as well". Cornell Extension and Suffolk County Office assigned Farmer Gaberalson to us to partner with, he will be supplying seeding and support.

### Anything new -

Vanessa Baird-Streeter- "We applied for the Neighborhood Promise Grant, met with the school district in the beginning of August and discussed different programs and the school district's needs. The school district is at the core of the grant." Mrs. Baird-Streeter provided the Dr. Jones with a copy of the grant. She stated that they will find out at the end of December if they got approval for the grant. If they get the grant a total of 11-12 million dollars over the 5 years will go to the district. Mrs. Baird-Streeter thanked Mrs. Thomas for all the work she put into the Neighborhood Promise Grant "she worked very hard on this grant, she even worked through Labor Day weekend". EOC served as the not for profit applying for the grant.

Mrs. Starling asked- "How does the Neighborhood Promise Grant impact Sig 7 that you applied for? - does one offset each other?"

Mrs. Thomas- we put a lot of the same things in both grants, but we did just find out that we did not get it.

Mrs. Baird-Streeter asked if the district is applying for the 21st Century grant?, Both Dr. Jones and Mrs. Thomas confirmed that the district will be applying for the 21st grant.

Mrs. Starling asked Dr. Jones to schedule a meeting with Congressman King so they could go as a team to meet with him to discuss with him trying to get the district off the lists especially MLO

being a Receivership school. Dr. Jones stated she will call tomorrow to try to set up a meeting for the CET team to meet with him. When they meet with him they will also discuss trying to get money owed to the district.

Mr. Malaga stated he was pleased to see the officer here at the meeting especially with all the recent events that have been happening. He said it's important to have the school, community and the officers working together. Dr. Jones stated Officer Brown has been very instrumental in helping the district keep things that happen outside of the school from entering the schools. She runs a mentoring program in both the middle school and high school as well.

Dr. Jones stated she will be hosting a meeting for the community with the Gang Task Force to discuss things parents and community can do to help with gang activities and what to look for. She is currently working on a date for this and it will be held at the high school.

Dr. Jones said she will be asking the Gang Task Force to attend the Superintendent's Conference Day on November 8, 2016, and provide a PD session for the staff on Gang Awareness. Dr. Jones stated we are trying our best to keep the activity out of the schools. The back gate is locked at the high school, security is using the wands to search.

CET meetings will be the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm in the Large Boardroom. The next meeting will be held on October 26, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm