

## **HSA General Meeting Agenda January 11, 2017**

HSA Committee Spring Fundraiser update:

Committee Co-chairs, Dawn Mateo and Dana Feldman, gave an update on the HSA Spring Fundraiser event. The “Down to Earth” event will take place at a nearby country club on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, and will feature a buffet lunch, silent auction with baskets and vendors/shopping. There will be no ‘tabletop’ prep work or assigned seating for participants to prepare! This event will be more casual and allow participants to eat, drink, socialize and shop in a more relaxed environment. Volunteers for event preparation or day of event staffing are welcome to attend the next Committee meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Administrator Updates and Q&A:

- Ms. Kotcho - MTES Intervention and Referral Services (INRS) overview - Ms. Kotcho gave an overview of the INRS program at MTES where teachers, counselors, and parents can meet and discuss issues resulting in an action plan to help a child that may need some learning assistance in areas such as reading or math. The INRS is a supplemental program in the general education area and is not considered special services.
- Dr. Constantino - Budget process overview – Dr. Constantino shared a presentation regarding the school system’s budget and process. While enrollment is overall down, this does not result in a linear decrease in spending. The school administration investigates ways to help share costs with neighboring towns.
- Dr. Ciccone - MTMS updates – Dr. Ciccone gave an update on a new program at MTMS called “Not My Kid”. It is an anti-drug program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders that involves signing a contract to abstain from drugs. The contract can be carried over into the high school years where drugs use can be more prevalent. The program is an important dialogue starter between parents and

children. Some Morris County officials have expressed interest in the program.

- Mr. Koroski – Special Services updates – Mr. Koroski thanked the HSA for providing the funding of Michelangelo the therapy horse that visited the ES last month. There will be an upcoming screening of the movie “Screenagers” that explores the effect of technology and social media on children, and the movie will be discussed with a panel with the Mendham Municipal. The next PACCS meeting is scheduled for January 26th in the library.