

**DANBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2017 (revised)**

Present: Richard Jannelli, Chair; Eileen Alberts, Gladys Cooper, Farley Santos

Absent: Kathy Molinaro

Also Present: Fred Karrat, Sal Pascarella, Joe Martino, Anne Mead

Richard Jannelli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A discussion on potential projects for the year ensued.

Mr. Jannelli had three ideas to increase community engagement. One was to increase participation at parent/teacher meetings. He will continue to work with Park Avenue and use some of their ideas to increase attendance. He suggested that the PTO's be split into 2 different groups, one for English speaking and one for Spanish speaking. Both Dr. Sal and Anne Mead, disputed the efficiency of this and Dr. Mead commented that parents don't want to feel more separated but rather one group.

Anne Mead will write an article for the Tribuna Newspaper that PTO's are more than just fundraisers and the purpose of them. Mr. Santos suggested to use the Waterbury model of "Out for Business" that is done in conjunction with their Chamber. Anne Mead to call Joann Cueva at the Chamber of Commerce to set-up a meeting with her and Dr. Sal to discussion collaboration possibilities.

Mr. Jannelli spoke about reaching back out to the realtors to update them on our school and to have the seniors update the DVD they made on the benefits of Danbury schools. He and Dr. Sal will follow-up with that.

Mr. Santos spoke about the bank he works for and fiscal fairs they hold. Dr. Sal inquired about how that would work in the district and could it be opened up to parents. He will get the committee more information on this.

Ms. Alberts moved, seconded by Mr. Santos, to adjourn the October 25, 2017 Community Relations Committee meeting. The motion passed at 6:50 p.m.

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Eileen Alberts, Secretary