



Glassboro Public Schools
Key Communicators Minutes
November 21, 2016 Meeting

In Attendance: 17 people, including parents, community members/organizations and staff

Location: Boys & Girls Club, Ellis Street, Glassboro

Topic: Rowan Partnerships

Agenda:

- Welcome – Jody Rettig, community affairs secretary
- Rowan University Partnerships Presentation – Dr. Mark Silverstein, superintendent, Danielle Sochor, chief academic officer and George Weeks, director of technology
- Audience Questions and Suggestions – Dr. Mark Silverstein and Pete Calvo, board of education president

Meeting Summary:

The superintendent and other speakers utilized a PowerPoint to present information on district partnerships and ties with Rowan University. The following partnerships and opportunities were highlighted: Dorothy L. Bullock and Thomas E. Bowe professional development schools; STEM (including Biomedical program) and Fine and Performing Arts academies; “1/3, 1/3, 1/3” reduced price course opportunities, RISE; Society for Engineers Day; Summer STEAM Program; Engineers on Wheels; Rowan technology park, fossil park and planetarium field trips; computer science programming contests; jazz festival, youth orchestra and brass band; practicum student counselor collaborations; graduate student and Harley Flack mentorships; field experience; Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Program; graduate program in learning disabilities; communications; and sharing of an internet provider/fiber optic network.

Questions/Comments:

1. Community member L.L. asked about what opportunities Rowan offered to the younger students? The superintendent and others indicated that the Professional Development Schools were for the younger students. Additionally, Wilson teaching fellows have worked with students at GIS.
2. Community member C.M. expressed a desire to see Rowan University and the school district collaborate on programs with the Glassboro library. C.M. indicated that he would like to see more computers in the library and would also would like to see more programs or offerings for low income children.
3. Community organization representative C.B. said that the Family Success Center offers many programs and is open to working with community organizations to develop additional programs.
4. Community member C.E. and board president P.C. would like to see links on the website to community organizations. Staff member G.W. indicated that there are some hyperlinks there, but he would look into the links' accessibility.
5. Board member P.C. indicated that a Glassboro community directory would be beneficial.
6. Community member L.L. would like to see programs offered to teach both parents and students how to deal with children's behavior issues. Staff member D.S. indicated that one such program was offered recently, but there was a very poor turnout.
7. Community member L.L. would like to see Rowan offer the community free use of its facilities.

Recommendations:

1. Meet with borough, community and parent representatives to explore the interest in and need for a community directory.
2. Raise community members' suggestions at the next School District/Rowan/Borough partnership meeting.

Future Key Communicator Meetings:

1. Monday, January 23, 2017 – Dorothy L. Bullock School
2. Monday, March 13, 2017 – Location TBD
3. Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – Location TBD