

West Islip School District  
*Education Committee Meeting Minutes*  
September 12, 2019  
7:15 p.m. - District Office Conference Room

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**Meeting start time:**

7:15 p.m.

**Members:**

Mr. Richard Antoniello, Mrs. Bernadette Burns, Mrs. Annmarie LaRosa, Mr. Peter McCann, and Mrs. Dawn Morrison

**Others present:**

Mr. Thomas Compitello, Mr. Steve Gellar, Mr. Ron Maginnis and Mr. Paul Michaluk

**Title I Schools:**

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act provides financial assistance to local schools with a percentage of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. Oquenock Elementary School (18.20 % poverty rate) and Udall Road Middle School (20.28 % poverty rate) have been identified as Title I schools in West Islip for the 2019-2020 school year due to their poverty rate exceeding 17.5%.

**Pre-Kindergarten Program:**

The staff at each elementary school welcomed our Pre-K students on Monday, September 9, 2019 for their first day of school.

**Comprehensive Developmental School Counseling Plan:**

West Islip's Comprehensive School Counseling Plan has been completed for the current school year. The plan ensures that all students in grades 6-12 have an annual review conducted by a school counselor, and that all students in grades K-5 have access to a school counselor. A school counselor will spend approximately two days per week in the elementary buildings and guide our K-5 students on their path to college and career readiness. The plan will be available in all school buildings and posted on the district's website.

\*Please see the attached Comprehensive Developmental School Counseling Plan.

### **Grade 5 Team Teaching (Pilot):**

Grade level team teaching is currently being piloted in the 5th grade classrooms at Bayview, P.J. Bellew and Manetuck Elementary Schools. In each of the buildings, the students stay with their “home” teacher for ELA and HealthSmart instruction, and then have the opportunity to experience their math, science and social studies lessons with other teachers on the 5th grade team. Team teaching in 5th grade provides opportunities for movement throughout the school day, provides the students the opportunity to learn from more than one core teacher, allows teachers the opportunities to plan dynamic, interactive lessons for their subject area(s), and ensures that math, ELA, science and social studies are incorporated into each school day. When recently asked for their feedback on the 5th grade team teaching pilot, one student responded, “I love switching classes. It makes the day go by quick.” While another student shared, “It’s great getting to have social studies and science every day of the week!” The effectiveness of the team teaching process will be reviewed throughout the school year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.