



Sachem Legislative Committee (SLC) Meeting Notes

October 23, 2018 Attending

Krupa Lauricella, Dorothy Roberts, Stephanie Volpe, Carol Locklin, Matt Balkin, Jamie Mare, Mark Salzano, Jim Green, NYS Assemblyman Doug Smith, and Shawn Hymms

- I. Meeting was called to order
- II. Krupa explained purpose of the SLC. Some of the items discussed were:
 - a. enhance funding to the district by lobbying Local, State and Federal entities.
 - b. Build partnerships with elected officials
 - c. Engaging the Community
 - d. Make recommendations under the advisement of Dorothy Roberts to help bring positive changes
- III. Matt Balkin has created a Facebook page regarding the NYS Smart Schools Bond Act. Jamie will create the Instagram account. Click [here](#) to visit and promote the Facebook page.
- IV. To serve on the SLC please click [here](#) to complete the application, and submit to Allison Florio at aflorio@sachem.edu.
- V. The honorable Assemblyman Doug Smith was in attendance to explain the Smart School Bond Act and where Sachem was in the process
 - a. Created in 2014- with \$2.5B funding the bond through NYS taxes.
 - b. 2015 money was supposed to become available.
 - c. A Committee is supposed to meet quarterly to review plans.
 - d. Rules are not written clearly for how funding would work for public and private schools within the same district.
 - e. Rules were changed to include school security in the grant application.
 - f. Just over \$400M has been released to date.
 - g. Sachem SD's applied for \$11M which includes security and technology upgrades.
 - h. Assemblyman Smith has created an online position that he is asking for us all to share. Click [here](#) for petition.
 - i. Money spent prior to receiving funds through the bond will not be reimbursed.
 - j. Sachem was told in August that they had to reapply under a new test system application.

VI. Roundtable Discussion

- k. Assemblyman Smith is going to provide Krupa Lauricella with a list of civic organizations in Sachem District.
- l. Stephanie Volpe and Kelly Short will reach out to the PTAs to ask them to put the petition onto their web page.
 - i. Discussion what the PTAs can and cannot do
 - ii. Discussion about PTA Council to reach out to the state PTA to put pressure on as well
- m. Discussed the possibility of having a call campaign to Governor Cuomo's office.
- n. Assemblyman Smith will arrange a visit to meet with the Middle Country School District's Legislative, committee since it is a very strong.
- o. Dorothy Roberts will reach out to unions contracted with Sachem SD regarding support.
- p. SLC members will promote the online petition.
- q. - Discussed the possibility of a trip to Albany lobby.
 - i. Protocol was discussed
 - ii. Timing was discussed
 - iii. The Board of Education would also write a letter

Announcements

Upcoming Meeting – Monday, 11/26 from 7-8pm in the BoE Annex Bldg., Room A.