

Legislative Action Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
5:45 p.m.
District Offices, Multi-Purpose Room

Attendees: Eddy Slosower, Robert Rubin, Peggy Kelland, Marie Johnson, Maureen Ryan, Amanda Sen, Baily Iaccarino (RCK), Hope Kazimir (JJ), Alberta Pedro

Absent: Mehrdad Sanai, RoseMarie Conforto (OV)

Public: No one from the public was present.

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1. Chairman Slosower opened the meeting at 5:49 p.m.
 2. The minutes from the last meeting were approved by consensus of the committee.
 3. Bailey scheduled appointments with staff but was sick. Her appointments have been rescheduled for this week. Hope scheduled an appointment but the teacher wasn't able to make the appointment. She will reschedule over the weekend. Goal is to complete the project and present it to the Board in May. Board Member Rob Rubin shared that if any committee member or student is encountering a problem, please share by email with the Committee Chair. Chairman Eddy Slosower indicated this is a good idea and the students are welcome to send problems to him which he will share with Mr. Zipp. Students can talk after school on the phone or share google slides to start getting the data compiled. Students were instructed to share the information with the Chair by email.

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4. Set Next Meeting Dates
 - a. Monday, April 23 at 5:45 p.m. at the District Offices
 - b. Monday, April 30 at 5:45 p.m. at the District Offices
5. Chairman Slosower asked the students for their perspective on the *National Student WalkOut Day* and the activities at their school. One student did participate in the *WalkOut* and the other student did not. A student shared how it was empowering to see the show of unity as the students gathered outside at the peace pool of the RCK HS as a memorial for those who lost their lives in Parkland, Florida. The teacher's speech at RCK included togetherness and safety for all students. They received the message that it is not the student's responsibility to "be nicer" in order to prevent this from happening. It was great to have the opportunity to contact local legislators and write letters where the students could share what they were feeling and what they think is important to students. On April 20 the students are planning another walkout. There was a feeling of respect between students who walked out and those who did not walk out. At John Jay HS the students went to the auditorium where 17 empty chairs represented the 17 lives lost in Parkland.
6. Chairman Slosower asked for any suggestions, from the students, on how to improve safety. Mr. Rubin shared that the district has an approved safety plan and the district has applied for funding through the Smart Schools Bond Act for the purchase of security vestibules however it hasn't been finalized by the State Education Department at this time. Students indicated that safety has been more in the forefront since the Florida incident. Mr. Rubin shared that the students have never known a pre-911 world. A student shared how she is not sure what can be done to protect the students and is unsure the purpose of the lock down drills.
7. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.