

# ~ Washington Township Schools ~

## - SUPERINTENDENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE -

**Summary of Meeting held on Monday Evening, November 12, 2018 ~ 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
@ OFRS Library**

### SUMMARY

- **Internal Depository for Committee Documents/Resources - Questions Relative to Information Provided:** *The depository, consisting of meeting agendas, summaries, and information resources was reviewed. Questions centered on how best to share the depository information with the community. It was decided that all information would be shared with the exception of maintenance requests/concerns logged in the District's "School Dude" (WTS' school maintenance management software). The meeting summary would be shared with the community once it is reported out at the Board's November 13th meeting. Such sharing would be scheduled for November 14th. The Task Force also discussed possible environmental tests that could be performed, including radon testing. Discussion on possible tests continued for a large portion of the meeting and it was agreed that an Industrial Hygienist would be secured for the next meeting to provide guidance to the Task Force. It was also agreed to begin pursuing radon testing. The District will create a matrix of possible tests to consider in preparation for the consultation with the Industrial Hygienist. Three possible leads were shared: A resource person used by the Township; RK Environmental; and Garden State Environmental. Committee member Liz George will explore and coordinate. **Post-Meeting Update:** Industrial Hygienist Mr. Bruce Wolf from Garden State Environmental will attend the Task Force's 11.26.18 meeting. In addition, the District invited Chris Gibbs, Township Health Officer, to attend as well. Liz George, School Business Administrator, spoke to a New Jersey EPA representative who noted that limited Federal funding was available to NJ for this purpose and was currently underutilized. The proper paperwork has been submitted to the State and the District will be releasing an RFP to vendors per NJ school purchasing guidelines.*

- **Review of Suggestions Made by Committee Member Kelly DeMayo:** *The Task Force discussed amending the October 29th meeting summary to incorporate health concerns as such relate to indoor air quality.*
- **Update ~ Architect Site Visit and Follow-up:** *As discussed at the October 29th meeting, the district's architect had visited the school in October and will be making recommendations for the committee's review. It was shared that the architect (Parette-Somjen) will be ready to discuss its recommendations shortly. The architect will visit with the Task Force in the near future to present and discuss the recommendations. Possible dates of December 3 and December 10 were proposed and agreed upon by the Task Force. **Post-Meeting Update: Mr. Gregory Somjen, Architect, will attend the Task Force's 12.3.18 meeting.***
- **Tools for Schools "Teacher's Classroom Checklist" - Review and Discussion:** *A review of The Environmental Protection Agency's Tools for School "Teacher's Classroom Checklist" commenced as the Task Force focused on the "General Cleanliness" portion of the checklist. Discussion will continue as part of future meetings as the meeting was coming to a close.*
- **Committee Needs ... What Are You Hearing?:** *This particular agenda item was not addressed as a separate item as the meeting came to a close. However, the Task Force did discuss the need to provide community members with information that parallels the items/information shared and discussed on an ongoing basis.*
- **Set Date for Next Meeting:** *The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2018 (7pm @ OFRS) at which time the Task Force will consult with an Industrial Hygienist. **Post-Meeting Update: Industrial Hygienist Mr. Bruce Wolf from Garden State Environmental will attend.** The Task Force agreed to set subsequent "tentative" meeting dates of December 3 and 10 for the purpose of receiving recommendations from the District's architect. **Post-Meeting Update: Mr. Gregory Somjen, Architect, will be in attendance on 12.3.18.***