

Schedule of Meetings for the 2009 - 2010 School Year

On September 22, 2009, the Parent Advisory Group of the Winchester Public School System held its first meeting of the new school year. Among other items on the agenda, the group established meeting dates for the remainder of the school year. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, October 20, 2009
No meeting in November
Tuesday, December 15, 2009
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
Tuesday, February 23, 2010
Tuesday, March 16, 2010
Tuesday, April 20, 2010
Tuesday, May 18, 2010
No meeting in June

One over-arching goal that has been consistent for my past three years of service in Winchester has been to expand and enlarge the number of people who see themselves as valued members and full participants in the school community. During that period of time, the size of the group has grown but it is nowhere near the size that it could be. I strongly believe that parents are a child's past advocate and that they are full partners with school personnel in the provision of strong instructional programs.

Those in attendance at the September 22 meeting decided that the name of the organization should be changed from the Parent Advisory Group to the Parent Teacher Advisory Forum. All forthcoming announcements were postings on the district website will be under this title.

This change was made in an attempt to make attendance attractive to a wider base of school community members. Any member of the Winchester school community is welcome to attend. Meetings begin at 7 PM and ended at 8:30 PM. The meetings are held at the Pearson Middle School Media Center.

The group conducts its discussions in accordance with the Board of Education approved Operating Principles. The majority of topics to be discussed are suggested by those in attendance. There is no requirement for members to be at all meetings however, regular attendance is helpful for the purpose of continuity. You will not be trapped into volunteering for additional hours of work.

I sincerely hope that you will join us as frequently as you can. The content of the discussions and ideas brought forward by group participants help to inform the work of the superintendent's office.