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TPS Secondary Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting Thursday, August 30 2018, 5:30 PM THS Library Media Center

1. Call to Order: 5:32 PM
2. In Attendance: Fiona Cappabianca, Ellen Hoehne, John Kissko, Armand Maniccia, Jess Richardson, Sue Lubomski, Sue Fergusson, Kim Schulte, Dave Bascetta, Jasmine Skarupa, Don Rapuano, Wayne Splettstoeszer, Peter Michelson, Donna Labbe, Ali Therrien, Charlie McSpirtt, Andrew Deacon, Jeff Shannon, Ed Arum, Jill Baranowitz, Darlene Battle, Kelly Browning, Patricia David, Mary DeMarchi, Gary Eucalitto, Roni Gelormino, Diane Holland, Jason Lafreniere, Robin Ledversis, Mario Longobucco, Faith Longobucco, Sandy Mangan, Bryan Olkowski, Wendy Pataky, Kathi Peterson, Kim Petzel, Jeff Putnam, Sally Richtmeyer, Trina Milanese, Andy Skarzynski, Joann Stefurak, Hilary Sterling, Erin Sullivan, John Sullivan, Teresa Sullivan
3. Suggested Committee Focus Areas:
 - a. Facilities-Changes Necessary/Enrollment: Current Needs 2. High Needs Students
 - b. College Readiness
 - c. Career Readiness: College Bound and Non-College Bound
 - d. Social, Emotional Needs, utilizing District & Community Partnerships
 - e. Communication and Marketing
 - f. Mentoring/Job Shadowing/Apprenticeships
4. Discussion:
 - a. Marketing/Communication Suggestions/Needs: (School Choice cost \$3M every year)
 - Need Minutes to be readily available for public review
 - Share strengths and events of schools
 - NEASC

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- Share Vision/Goals
 - THS and TMS to visit elementary and TMS throughout the year to inform and promote programs
 - Invite Parents in during the day, Grades 6-12
 - Celebrate diversity: Diversity events, workforce preparedness
 - Exit Interview for students
 - Involve students in vision (School Improvement Plans)
- b. Facilities:
- THS Enrollment from 1,300 (2008) to 862 (2018)
 - Building needs of both TMS and THS-tours of buildings will occur in first few weeks
- c. Middle School and High School Models-Suggested Elements:
- AP Readiness, increase enrollment
 - 21st Century Skills
 - K-12 Continuum of Curriculum
 - Cohesive Code of Conduct K-12
 - NEASC Ready K12
 - Social/Emotional, building relationships, Home Visits
 - Capstone project, Apprenticeships and internships, and Community Service
 - College readiness
 - Career readiness for college and non-college bound students
 - Programs/Courses for specific professions and jobs
 - TAG
- d. Homework –Short and long term goals
5. Next meetings: Sept 4th 5:30 TMS, Sept 20th 5:30 THS
6. Adjournment: 7:30 PM Motion by Ellen Hoehne, 2nd by Armand Maniccia. All in Favor.