

*In an effort to increase Board/Public Communications, after each Board of Education meeting an email will be sent to parents, staff, and anyone who requested to receive district e-mail communications, highlighting board discussions.*

The following was discussed at the November 15, 2018 meeting:

\*Robert Seaman Elementary School hosted the meeting after a successful curriculum fair. Fifth grade peer leaders explained the Say Hello program that Seaman, and the other Jericho schools, have been following this year. The program aims to teach students the skills they need to create a culture of inclusion and connectedness, and encourage them to reach out and include those who may be socially isolated. Everyone was up and dancing at the meeting. The video that was shown at the meeting is available here:

<https://youtu.be/JEBHkqv3VVU>

\*Middle School and High School students updated those in attendance about school happenings during the Student Council reports. High school students reminded everyone that November 27 will be Family Night in Jericho – there will be no homework given and no tests on November 28. Also, local restaurants will offer discounts to encourage families to go out to dinner and spend time together.

\*Maria Bombace, PTA Council vice president, thanked everyone for attending the recent Parent University. She said she looks forward to future meetings, reminding everyone that Monday is a joint PTA Council and SEPTA meeting at 9:30 AM in the MS Library where they will host Roger Tilles, Long Island's Trustee on the Board of Regents. All are welcome.

\*Bill Ferro honored Jacqueline O'Neill for being named a New York State Master Teacher.

\*Bill Ferro mentioned that the administrators in Jericho are participating in No Shave November to raise funds and awareness for various cancers. Mr. Ferro is participating as well. He also thanked the High School student council for collecting toys for his charity event and said that if anyone wanted to donate new, unwrapped toys, to please send them to the high school or contact Denise Nash.

\*During the Superintendent's report, Mr. Grishman reminded everyone that the district's robocall system is only used for emergency purposes and if there is going to be a weather-related cancellation or closing, robocall and district email would be used to make this announcement.

\*The district presented a plan to the board to restructure the high school administration. The draft recommendation included two co-principals and two assistant principals. This reorganization would help address the changes in education surrounding new state mandates, security, diversity in population and learners, and changing technology. The roles of each position would be clearly defined. The Board will continue the discussion at the December Board meeting.

\*The board took action on a number of items, including the approval of schedules and acceptance of a donation. All information, including the full agenda and minutes, is available on the district website at [http://jerichoschools.org/district/board\\_of\\_education](http://jerichoschools.org/district/board_of_education).

\*The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 13th at 7:30 PM at Jackson Elementary School.

*-Bill Ferro, Board President  
Sent on behalf of the Jericho Board of Education*