Forum Organizing Committee Meeting Summary – ED 7&8
2/4/15

On Wednesday, February 4, the Forum Organizing Committee reconvened to finalize plans for our regional forum, "#allkidsneed: A Discussion on Public Education in Central New York." The following were in attendance:

Andrew Voigt, ED 8 Director
Cheryl Miskell, Auburn
Chris Colabello, Regional Staff Director
Dave Kirby – Syracuse PAC
Karyn Dieffenderfer, Lyncourt
Loretta Donlon, ED 51 Director
Phil Cleary, PAC Coordinator
Rosemary Morgese, Lyncourt
Shelly Chizzonite, PAC Coordinator

During the meeting, we revised the action items that have been completed in preparation for the forum. They are:

1. Presenters Confirmed and Prepped: Student (Port Byron), Parent/Moderator (Lyncourt)

2. Presenters confirmed: Master Teacher (Pam Harrington - ESM), Additional Parent (Syracuse), School Board President (Auburn – Mike McCall)

3. #allkidsneed Petition completed and revised – to be used on evening of forum

4. Legislators Invited and Confirmed: Stirpe, Valesky

5. Legislators Invited and Declined: Magnarelli, Roberts

6. Legislators Invited, no answer: DeFrancisco. Magee

7. Disseminate flyer to all local presidents (Regional Office)

8. Materials secured for sign-making (Regional Office and Loretta Donlon); a room at Lyncourt will be dedicated for people to make signs when they arrive.

9. Create a public Facebook event and begin to share that invite (Greg McCrea)

10. Secure a table and organize sign-in for forum attendees (Karyn Dieffenderfer & Loretta Donlon)

The following are action items that still need to be addressed:

1. Find a willing Superintendent – Greg McCrea is working on his superintendent (Westhill). Phil Cleary will talk to super at N. Syracuse and Judy Belfield from Phoenix

2. Invite Assemblymen Oaks, Finch, Brindisi –Cheryl MIskell will contact Finch

3. Additional Student – Dave Kirby has a former student in mind and will seek them out.

4. Additional Parents, Teachers, and School Board Members (prepped audience speakers)

5. Print large petition for stage on foam board (additionally, print out petitions to be signed on the way out for attendees.)

6. Check auditorium A/V set up (Ian Phillips)

7. Make copies of the NYSUT myth v. reality handout to disseminate at forum

8. Prepare press releases and follow-up with local media outlets on day of event (Ian Phillips)

9. Prepare introductions of each speaker for the facilitator to read (Ian Phillips)