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Facilitator: Building Principals

Ed Bolan (TZHS)	680-1606
Dr. William Lee (SOMS)	680-1101
Michael Fiorentino (CL)	680-1503
Mark Soss (TZE)	680-1403
Nora Polansky (WOS)	680-1303

#### Curriculum Council:

Facilitator: Lynn Gorey 680-1017

#### District Level Team (DLT):

Facilitator: Dr. Ken Mitchell 680-1050

#### Finance Advisory Council:

Facilitator: Ann Vaccaro-Teich 680-1005

#### Health & Safety Committee

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#### Tappan Zee High School (TZHS)

Principal: Edward Bolan 680-1605

#### Director of Technology

George Brady 680-1011

#### Director of Physical Education & Athletics

Liam Frawley 680-1640

#### Office of the Director of School Facilities

Phil Scala 680-1016

#### Director of Special Education & Student Services

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- National PTA

**We welcome your involvement in South Orangetown Central School District activities and discussions.**

This brochure lists the many ways that you can get information and be involved in our District activities and programs.

Please refer to this brochure throughout the year. Many other numerous events are listed on the District Calendar.

**Board of Education Meetings:**

The five member Board of Education meets publicly two times a month on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Library in the South Orangetown Middle School. For confirmation of these meetings, please call 680-1012 or visit our website at [www.socsd.org](http://www.socsd.org).

September 5 & 19; October 3, 17, & 31; November 14 & 28; December 12; January 9 & 23; February 13 & 27; March 12 & 26; April 9 & 30; May 6 & 13; June 4 & 18; and July 1.

**Budget Vote & Board Election  
May 19, 2009**

**Budget Discussions and Public  
Input will occur at each Board  
meeting December – April**

**Communicating with the Superintendent**

Dr. Mitchell wants to know what you think about school issues. E-mail him at [kmitchell@socsd.org](mailto:kmitchell@socsd.org).

**Website:** [www.socsd.org](http://www.socsd.org)

Visit our site to learn about meetings, school and group activities and other related information.

**TOGETHER WE CAN!**

**Principal Coffee Chats:**

Each principal welcomes the public to an informal discussion of issues that pertain to their school. For a schedule of Principal Coffee Chats, please call your school directly or visit our website and click onto your school.

**PTA:**

SOCSD has five Parent Teacher Association Units: SOCES PTA (elementary schools), SOMS PTA (middle school), TZHS PTSA (high school), ECP & SEPTA. The Units are unified by the PTA Council. Anyone is welcome to be a member, and volunteer or participate in any PTA activity.

Each PTA unit and Council meets once a month and offer a wide range of opportunities to participate in school activities.

Visit the PTA webpages on [www.socsd.org](http://www.socsd.org) for schedules and information or call:

PTA Council:	Lucia Caruana	365-3775
	Jeanne Dennehy	359-4117
TZHS PTSA	MaryBeth Carley	359-3019
SOMS PTA	Allison DeRosa	365-6070
SOCES PTA	Christine Brew Mitchell	398-1715
	Theresa Costello	398-6093
ECP PTA	Elizabeth Lotz	
SEPTA	Micki Leader	359-6090

**District Newsletters:**

In the fall, late winter and spring every household will receive the South Orangetown School District Newsletter which focuses on our District’s activities and achievements. In addition, in early May, there is a special Budget Issue.

**School Flyers & SOCSD mailings:**

Throughout the year, information from the Superintendent, principal, your teacher, or PTA will be sent home to you via backpack or mail.

**Key Communicators:**

Parents, empty nesters, civic association members and business owners who would like to share SOCSD information with the community, can be on our special e-mail list to receive SOCSD information. To be a key communicator, e-mail [bgreco@socsd.org](mailto:bgreco@socsd.org)

**The SOCSD Education Foundation:**

[foundation@socsd.org](mailto:foundation@socsd.org)

**Family Resource Center:**

Located in the William O. Schaefer School on Lester Drive, parents and caregivers of pre-school children can learn about SOCSD programs and community resources. For a schedule of events, call 680-1314.

**Parent/Community Organizations**

**GEAR (Gifted Education Advocates of Rockland):** Sponsors monthly meetings and workshops. Contact Michelle Jones 359-7920

**Generation Exchange:** Organizes the senior citizen “café” before the TZHS Spring musical and other senior citizen outreach programs. Contact Rosemary Pitruzzella 359-9269

**Lend-A-Hand:** Operates the Coat Drive in December and Circle of Books in the Spring. Contact Gail Rogo 359-5671

**Project Graduation:** Operates the all night, alcohol-free party on Graduation night. Contact Denise Jensen 365-1454

**South Orangetown Schools Sports Club (SOS):** Sponsors award nights for SOMS and TZHS sports. Contact Bruce Jensen 365-1454

**How we communicate in an emergency:**

**For weather related closings, we:**

- Post notice on website
- Send you an e-mail
- Notify the following radio stations: WCBS 88 AM, WOR 710 AM, WFAS 103.9 FM/1230 AM, , WHUD 100.7 FM, WRCR 1300 AM, WNBC TV Channel 4, WABC-TV Channel 7, WNYW – TV Channel 7

**Other emergencies:**

The same as above plus:

- “K-12 Alerts” will send a pre-recorded message to your contact numbers.
- Sex Offender Information received from Police Department.