

Wayne Council of PTOs
Council Meeting Minutes – Packanack
Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Welcome: Jackie Prince called the meeting to order at 7:31pm. Jackie introduced Jodi Jenkins as the Recording Secretary & made an announcement regarding the need for volunteers for the Co-President's positions (Jackie & Fran)

Officers' Reports:

- **Recording Secretary:** Jodi Jenkins made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last Council Meeting. Susan Kresge seconded and the motion carried. Laurie Riccobono made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Vicky Struyk seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Leslie Fischgrund: No report.
- **Treasurer:** Caroline Mastres distributed copies of the current PTO Council Budget for everyone's review. Everyone must follow this new format. One school has not completed the budget information. The binders must be ready in June and there is a lot of missing information. 2 common mistakes on the budget form: quarterly report must match back to the bank statements & you must report the Gross amounts not the Net amounts. Additionally, any check must have a check req. and receipt. Any purchase \$500 and over must have two signatures of approval. No checks to cash are accepted.
- **Vice President:** Maria Beilis: All events held at school need a permit and insurance from the vendor. Any event off school premise requires a certificate of insurance from council. You cannot have an event at school without a permit issued from Ronni Brass.
- **Co-President:** Jackie Prince: I will be out for the next 6-12 weeks due to upcoming surgery. Please be nice to the council! I remind everyone to keep the meetings efficient to address items on the agenda and keep to a limited time.
- **Co-President:** Fran Cook: No report

Committee Reports:

- **Wayne Alliance-** Pat Hallock (read by Jackie Prince):
 - Thanks for including the alliance as part of committees
 - SMART Moves is also a life skills type of class at the Boys & Girls Club in Wayne that we support
 - Parent letters, Jr. Prom, 8th grade dance and Sr. Prom letters have been finalized and are being prepared for mailing to homes. An emailed version will also be available
 - Life Skills after school program is running at as many of the schools as we can schedule. We are grateful to the Wayne Education Foundation for their support in scheduling and monitoring the coordination of these programs
 - Parent Roundtable was held on Monday, January 26th at 9:30am. We reviewed a documentary created for parent and grandparent education, "Out of Reach – Medicine Abuse Through the Eyes of a Teen"
 - The Basketball Fundraiser is the largest fundraiser each year in April. Funds from this event provide money for programs that we can offer to the schools and the public that are not part of our grant. Continue to support
 - Funds are available for school programs, please contact Alliance
- **Food Bank** – Susan Kresge, Emily Keegan:
 - On target for the number of orders
 - Had a food drive from GW that was successful
 - Have a food drive from Randall Carter on Monday
 - We are running out of bags
 - We received a generous donation (\$400) from Pines Lake School in gift cards
 - Emily Keegan has offered to step up and take my position as the food bank operates during school hours and I now have a conflict during this time, looking for another co-chair.
- **Project Graduation** – Joyce Morandi, Stephanie Fenske:
 - No report
- **Wayne Special Parents Association (WSPA)** – Lisa Minervini, Mariangela Mejia (read by Jackie Prince):
 - Thank you to all schools that transferred annual funds to the WSPA. This year was seamless
 - February 4th next workshop on PARCC Accommodations and Modification, in media center, AWMS, 7-9pm
 - At CCW the KidFit and social skills classes are filled. Spring session may require adding an extra class due to increased response
- **Browse and Shop** – Jackie Prince:
 - \$13,000 raised this year; \$9,800 last year at this time
 - Programs are doing very well
 - ~\$35,000-\$40,000 this year in scholarships
- **Children's Cultural Workshop** – Fran Cook
 - If there are any cancellations, we will let you know

Administrative Reports:

Directors/ Administrators

- **Dr. Toback – Superintendent**
 - Presented Key Findings from the Full-Day Kindergarten Study (see hard copy attachment)
 - Education benefits of study: In general, full-day kindergarten can offer more opportunities for child-centered, creative activities as well as more opportunities for developing social skills. For most children full-day kindergarten programs can help increase academic achievement while reducing the probability that children will be retained in the early elementary grades

- The anticipated total cost for full day kindergarten is \$2,657,141. There are funding options available
 - The full-day K study is being presented to the BOE tomorrow, 1/29/15
 - Timeframe for full-day K if approved is realistically 2016-2017 school year
 - Presented the Budget Newsletter (see hard copy attached). This is the first time a budget newsletter is being handed out to all families. Every household will receive the newsletter in the mail. This newsletter summarizes all facets of the budget and covers many common questions
 - The board will be changing the policy/regulations on homework during breaks. A buffer time period will be instated which would allow collection of assignments on-line or collecting assignments after breaks. For AP classes the same buffer applies
- **Diane Pandolfi – Director of Elementary Education**
 - No report
 - **Principal's Reports – Jackie Prince & Maria Bellis**
 - SCMS, Amy Toth sent following statement: SCMS is pleased to announce that Science teacher Laurie Genna was selected as one of 105.5 WDHAs "Teachers who Rock". Nominated by her colleague, Mrs. Klink the prestigious award is given to only 24 outstanding teachers per year. To assist the victims of the recent Edgewater fire, the Student Council will be organizing a fundraiser to collect household items, school supplies, and gift cards. As always, we appreciate the generosity of our school community in supporting our school's service projects
 - AWMS, David Aulenbach sent the following statement: Our Character Education program, **180 Days of Awesome**, has been successful this year. It involves a student of the month program tied to our monthly themes and includes a series of extended homeroom lessons on bullying. We have raised money for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Foundation, donated hundreds of items to Operation Show Box for our military, donated over 1500 brand new toys for the Holiday Season for the Paterson Fire Department and will be collecting pajamas for a Pajama Drive in February. Our next **Parent Coffee** will be Tuesday, February 17th at 9am and will include a member of the District Administration to discuss PARCC and both HS principals will join us to meet with our 8th grade parents. Parents of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students will be invited for coffee. Our **canteen** will take place on Friday, February 27th from 7-9pm. This year's **musical**, Legally Blonde Jr. will be presented at AWMS on April 17th and April 18th 2015. The AWMS PTO has sponsored a number of clubs this year: Creative Writing Club, Chess Club, Fitness Club & We Act Club
 - GWMS, Jack sent in the following statement (see below attachment)



PTO COUNCIL
MEETING INFORMATION

- **BOE Report – Eileen Albanese**
 - Thanks to the PTO of all schools for your support
 - The safety/security referendum will be discussed at tomorrow's BOE meeting at 7:30pm. The actual vote will occur on March 10th. 40% of safety improvements & upgrades will be paid for
- **WEA – Kerriann Palmieri**
 - The Parent Connection newsletter was distributed (see hard copy attachment)
 - WEA is now sponsoring PAL teams
 - WEA is also sponsoring Boys & Girls Club travel basketball teams
 - Culinary Fairs will be held at the high schools
 - Sturdy bags are needed at the PTO school pantry
 - Please note budgets are put together during the summer so if funding is needed for a program, please let us know before then

Department Reports – Dr. Toback

- **Health Services** – No Report
- **Transportation** – No Report
- **Technology** – ebooks regarding teacher recognition are available on the website
- **Building Services** – No Report
- **Special Services** – No Report

Old Business:

- Nothing to report

New Business:

- Nothing to report

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lori Riccobono. Jen Nemetz seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Attendance:

Leslie Fischgrund	Council
Caroline Mastres	Council
Jackie Prince	Council
Fran Cook	Council

Maureen Machado	Council
Maria Beilis	Council
Jodi Jenkins	Council
Vicky Struyk	GWMS
Jennifer Nemetz	APT/SCMS
Diane Pandolfi	Dir of Elem Ed
Diane Grdodian	Lafayette
Ann-Marie Imbriano	Lafayette
Marcella Van Peenen	Lafayette
Susan Kresge	SCMS
Eileen Albanese	BOE
Jen Crawford	Theunis Dey
Lori Riccobono	GWMS
Mary LaSala	AWMS
Leslie Dianuzzo	WHHS
Mark Toback	BOE
Bernice Donato	Pines Lake
Randi London	Pines Lake
Erin Jowaisas	Packanack
Jen McNutt	Packanack
Jennifer Decker	Fallon
Melissa Keenan	APT
Keriann Palmieri	WEA