

**Wayne Council of PTOs**  
**Council Meeting Minutes – Randall Carter**  
**Wednesday, October 15, 2014**

**Welcome:** Fran Cook called the meeting to order at 7:38pm.

**Officers' Reports:**

- **Recording Secretary:** Leslie Fischgrund made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last Council Meeting. Susan Kresge seconded and the motion carried. Leslie Fischgrund made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Vicky Struyk seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Leslie Fischgrund: Please respond to the email earlier in the week requesting two representatives from each school for the Heart Healthy Advisory Committee. The first meeting will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Treasurer:** Caroline Mastres distributed copies of the current PTO Council Budget for everyone's review and asked if anyone had any questions or concerns. There were none at this time. Please make sure any old accounts have been closed out. Motion was made by Stacey Nisenson to accept the budget presented. Susan Kresge seconded, the budget passed. Goal to raise \$45,000 in scholarships this year. Maureen Machado thanked those who sent in their schools scholarship donation.
- **Vice President:** Maria Beilis: No report.
- **Co-President:** Fran Cook: Thanked all who attended candidate's night. If you need an absentee ballot you must request it by October 28<sup>th</sup>. You must have your vote in by 8:00pm, November 4<sup>th</sup>. You can get absentee ballot in town hall or on the website.
- **Co-President:** Jackie Prince reminded everyone in order keep meetings efficient to address items on agenda and keep to a limited time.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Wayne Alliance-** Pat Hallock:
  - Thanks for including the alliance as part of committees.
  - Transitions Program for 8<sup>th</sup> graders being brought down to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level.
  - Coffee programs going on for 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents.
  - Life Skills at elementary and middle schools.
  - Parent Roundtable October 27<sup>th</sup>, welcome parents who want info.
  - Please send a liaison to monthly meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at noon in the Health Department.
  - Funds are available for school programs, please contact Alliance.
- **Food Bank** – Susan Kresge:
  - Food Bank is open to fill orders
  - WEA donated many re-useable bags.
  - Please schedule food drives, contact to find out needs.
- **Project Graduation** – Joyce Morandi:
  - Hills is excited to be changing things this year. Planning to go into New York City for the first time. Already have 195 of 350 students paid. March 25, 2014 is the Tricky Tray/Fashion Show.
  - Classes of 2016-2018 committees are in good shape.
- **Wayne Special Parents Association (WSPA)** – Lisa Minervini:
  - Open house was successful.
  - November 12<sup>th</sup> next workshop, a parent exchange, in media center, AWMS, 7-9pm.
  - Two classes going on at CCW, kidfit and social skills.
- **Browse and Shop** – Jackie Prince:
  - Volunteers always needed
  - Service hours available for junior and senior students.
- **Children's Cultural Workshop** – Fran Cook
  - Fall session was not as good as hoped.
  - Superintendent approved request that the PTO's can copy and distribute the CCW flyer through the schools. Please send out paper copies when the winter session is sent.
  - We have some new teacher's with the program.

**Administrative Reports:**

**Directors/ Administrators**

- **Dr. Toback – Superintendent: no report.**
- **Diane Pandolfi – Director of Elementary Education**
  - New rubric introduced for performance reports.
  - Expanded the system to 5.
  - Documents with explanations available on the website for each grade, K-5.
  - October 27<sup>th</sup> will be launching word study program.

- Encampment for Lafayette, JFK and Fallon will take place in early November.
- **Prinicpal's Reports – Jennifer Pylypyshyn**
  - SCMS, Amy Toth sent following statement: After a successful opening (eith the support of our PTO) Schuyler-Colfax is in the process of kicking off our yearly character education program, organizing student clubs and cultural arts programs, and preparing to adminster the upcoming PARCC assessment. During the month of October, students will participate in activities to recognize the Week of Respect, Red Ribbon week, and School Violence Awareness week. The month will end with our annual Pink Out fundraiser and staff/student volleyball game. The administration would like to thank the PTO for once again designing a Pink Out shirt and donating proceeds of the sale to the Susan G. Komen foundation.
  - Randall Carter – great opening to school year. This month's theme is respect. Two cultural arts programs regarding bullying and being an upstander. The book fair is going on now. New recess equipment has been purchased and the playground was repaired.
- **BOE Report – Laura Stinziano**
  - Great opening of school.
  - New superintendent is doing fabulous job. Thanks to all for being ready.
  - If you want a BOE representative at your PTO meeting please contact and we will send someone.
  - Before and after care are being evaluated. No changes will be made without a public presentation.
  - Please submit any thoughts or ideas regarding next year's school budget as board is already moving forward.
- **WEA – No report.**

### Department Reports

- **Health Services** – No Report
- **Transportation** – No Report
- **Technology** – No Report
- **Building Services** – No Report
- **Special Services** – No Report

### Old Business:

Nothing to report.

### New Business:

- Motion was made by Audrey Crowe to strike out letter G in Article 6 section 1 of the by-laws. Diane Grdodian seconded. Motion passed. Motion was made by Erin Jowaisas to remove wording "and, at the Ryerson chapter, a representative from The Learning Center at Ryerson." Under Article 7, number 2. Lori Riccabono seconded, the motion passed.

See below, changes in red:

### Article 6

#### **Voting Membership**

1. The following members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Wayne Council of PTOs. In the case where one person holds multiple positions, that person may vote only once.

- a. The duly-elected trustees of the corporation.
- b. The president of each chapter or a duly designated officer.
- c. The vice president(s) of each chapter or a duly designated officer.
- d. The principal of each school in the Wayne School District with a chapter in good standing.
- e. One representative of the teaching staff of the Wayne School District to be appointed by the Wayne Education Association.
- f. One representative of the teaching staff from each school in the Wayne School District with a chapter in good standing in the corporation.

~~g. One representative from The Learning Center.~~

~~h. g.~~ Up to three chairpersons of each standing committee.

~~i. h.~~ The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Director of Secondary Education, and the Director of Elementary Education of the Wayne School District.

~~j. i.~~ Two representatives from the Board of Education.

### Article 7

#### **Executive Officers of Council, Chapter Officers, & Their Election**

##### **1. Officers - Council**

- a. Only members in good standing, whose dues are current shall be eligible to be nominated to office. The nominees for president must have served in a presidential or vice presidential capacity at a local chapter or served as an officer at the council level; and have attended council meetings and their local chapter's meetings for at least one year prior to nomination.
- b. The nominees for treasurer must have served as treasurer at a local chapter or assistant treasurer at the council level.
- c. Written consent from the nominee, either by committee or from the floor, shall be presented to the chair of the nominating committee at the time of nomination.
- d. The executive officers (Board of Trustees) of the corporation shall consist of a president or co-presidents, vice president and second vice president, two secretaries, a treasurer and assistant treasurer. The Board of Trustees may be increased or decreased from time to time, but shall never be less than three.

## 2. Officers - Chapters

- a. Only members in good standing, whose dues are current shall be eligible to be nominated to office. The nominees for president must have attended local chapter meetings for at least one year prior to nomination and have served as an active volunteer.
  - b. Written consent from the nominee, either by committee or from the floor, shall be presented to the chair of the nominating committee at the time of nomination.
  - c. The officers of the local chapters shall consist of:
    - president or co-presidents, vice presidents or vice and second vice presidents, secretary, or recording and corresponding secretary, treasurer or treasurer and assistant treasurer, ~~and immediate past president, and, at the Ryerson chapter, a representative from The Learning Center at Ryerson.~~
- Forums will take place in January and February regarding PARCC. Parent workshops will be available. If PTO's can forward any PARCC related questions, PTO will make sure they are addressed during this meetings.

A motion to adjourn made by Erin Jowaisas. Vicky Struyk seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

### **Attendance:**

Leslie Fischgrund	Council
Caroline Mastres	Council
Jackie Prince	Council
Fran Cook	Council
Maureen Machado	Council
Maria Beilis	Council
Vicky Struyk	GWMS
Jennifer Nemetz	APT/SCMS
Diane Pandolfi	Dir of Elem Ed
Joyce Morandi	WHHS
Laura Stinziano	BOE
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Staci Lupo	AWMS
Diane Grdodian	Lafayette
Ann-Marie Imbriano	Lafayette
Susan Kresge	SCMS
Jen Crawford	Theunis Dey
Lori Polifonte	Theunis Dey
Patricia Hallock	Wayne Alliance
Lori Riccobono	GW
Mary LaSala	AWMS
Cathy Kazan	BOE
Lisa Minervini	WSPA
Jennifer Decker	Fallon
Stacey Nisenson	JFK
Bernice Donato	Pines
Randi London	Pines
Marcella Van Peenen	Lafayette
Jennifer Piro	Lafayette
Audrey Crowe	Randall Carter
Erin Jowaisas	Packanack
Jennifer McNutt	Packanack
Jennifer Pylypyshyn	Randall Carter