

Wayne Council of PTO's Presidents/Superintendent Meeting  
9:30am, September 28, 2011  
Administrative Building

1. Welcome by Janine Del Vecchio, meeting started at 9:31.
2. Lisa O'Loughlin made motion to waive the reading of the minutes and Denise Lynch seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
3. Treasurer, Joyce Morandi, is out of town until next week, if you have any questions in her absence please call or email Janine.
4. Assistant Treasurer, no report.
5. Vice President, Fran Cook – if you need a raffle license contact her as soon as you know your event date. It doesn't matter how far in advance. Special thanks to everyone for all their support for the flood victims with food, school supplies and clothes.
6. All Back to School nights are completed and were well received.
7. Thanks to all the schools for their gift card collections for the flood victims. They are still being sent in and are being forwarded to Mayor's office.
8. President Report, Janine
  - Please make sure with the upcoming November elections that the PTO is to remain neutral. We cannot endorse an individual in their bid for election. You can support someone as an individual yourself, but that needs to be made clear to the population. If you are showing personal support for a candidate it should not be attached to the school or PTO in any way. Any email correspondence should say "I am supporting \_\_\_ as a parent and Wayne resident" so there is no confusion in this matter.
  - If you haven't already instituted a weekly email update, you may want to try it as a useful communication tool. See if your population is interested.
  - Sign on to the new BOE website for regular updates. [www.wayneboe.com](http://www.wayneboe.com)
  - You will also find a link to the council website. Please list both on your websites.
  - If you need help with websites or School Fusion, please contact Paulette Collins or Janine Del Vecchio.
  - Still looking for a co-VP for Council. Please contact Janine or Karen if interested.
  - Use the council website blog to communicate good and bad experiences with vendors.
9. Old Business
  - Permit Clarification – you need a permit for after school, on property events. You must have a police officer if you are expecting more than 100 people. You need to add this expense into your budgets. The cost for officers as of last year was \$39/hour with a three hour minimum. Call the police station to post the information. You must check back if you don't hear from them. If you do not get a sign up from the police station, or an officer was assigned and doesn't show, contact Ronni Brass, 973-968-7411.
  - Hold Harmless – now on council website in PDF form

- Class Parties – Kindergarten will still have six and grades 1-5 will have three. Valentine’s Day activities are also excluded from the no sugar rule, but is NOT a class party. This exception was made for the cards that are sent in for the holiday and some schools do a PTO sponsored activity. Class parents are not involved in planning an additional party.
- Children’s Cultural Workshop (CCW) – registration is done, the monies raised goes to Valley and Hills Scholarships. Keep an eye out for next registration session in December/January. You do not need to be a Wayne resident to attend
- Browse and Shop – new manager, Kathy Jones-Smith. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10-2. Volunteers needed to help get organized from inflow for flood victims. Please consider donating an hour of your time.
- Food Pantry – Eileen Albanese will send out a collection schedule. Need snacks, pasta, cereals and paper products. No canned vegetables needed at this time. Please contact Eileen or Janine before your food drive to see which items are needed.

#### 10. New Business

- October 17<sup>th</sup> is SPA open house. Once you receive the information, please forward to your entire population.
- Any new ideas:
  - GW Lake Day for 8<sup>th</sup> graders, bbq and swim
  - OPT out – several schools offered this option instead of participating in one or more of the fundraisers. Results have been good.
  - Ballroom Dance Exhibition with tricky tray
  - Drive By Food Drive Pick Up

#### 11. Superintendent Report

- Search in progress, final candidates are currently being interviewed, hopefully close to a conclusion.
- Internal candidates were interviewed but did not make finalists
- Mrs. Pandolfi is assisting in the administrative offices due to the lack of an assistant superintendent. Her future position will be determined by the new superintendent, once in place.
- Vacancy in the Elementary Director position begins on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Plan is to have new superintendent be involved in this replacement.
- Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Law – applies to every district, every school. The document is 121 pages long, written with good intent to protect children from harming each other and protecting children from being harmed by adults.
  - Determination of bullying rests on an “imbalance of power”
  - Law gives clear timeline for investigation – report made to principal or school official, there is 2 days to complete investigation. Complaint then goes to a committee and eventually a written report is made by the superintendent, with an official decision.
  - Committees in each school will be comprised of building administration, teacher and parent. Everyone will receive training on how to handle these issues.

- Wayne has discussed the legal issues and will be there legally for any member of these committees, or anyone involved in the process.
- State is still working on the training, administration has received training. Even volunteers will need training. Training includes what is appropriate, guidelines to follow and how to handle situations that arise.
- Waiting for state to reply to question of is a volunteer considered the PTO president or someone who volunteers for a one- time event?
- School board is trying to come to conclusion of how to handle the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington trip. Issue arises regarding payment for those who have financial need. Board is looking into alternatives to fund. Awaiting decision on how to proceed.
- Remember that it is difficult to work with the state mandated 2% budget increase. We will see programs slowly disappear if the school budget keeps failing.

12. Meeting adjourned at 11:24am.

Attendance

Barbara Paul	JFK
Ruby Stanfield	WVHS
Denise Dauphinee Lynch	GW
Rosemary Colazzo	WVHS
Michele Iannelli	Theunis
Christine Bacchicall	Theunis
Mary Dudek	Packanack
Ellen Fitzsimons	Pines Lake
Lisa O'Loughlin	Fallon
Carolyn Radler	Fallon
Karen Stack	SPA/GW
Jackie Prince	Council
Karen Marron	Council
Kalyn Freer	Randall Carter
Vicky Struyk	Randall Carter
Christina Bennett	APT
Frances Galli	Lafayette
Fran Cook	Ryerson/Council
Stephanie Fenske	Ryerson/Council
Janine Del Vecchio	Council
Leslie Fischgrund	Council